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AND FOR

TIMES OF TROUBLE,

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AND

THE WRITINGS OF HOLY MEN.

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TO THE BLESSED MEMORY OF ONE

WHOSE DYING BED WAS CHEERED BY THESE DEVOTIONS;

AND WHO

LIVING IN CLOSE COMMUNION WITH

The Lord,

WAS ENABLED WITH CHEERFUL PATIENCE,

To follow Him,

IN HUNGER AND THIRST,

IN PAINFULNESS AND WEARINESS,

THROUGH A LONG PROTRACTED PERIOD,

UNTIL SHE FELL ASLEEP,

In Him,

ON THE NIGHT OF THE COMMEMORATION OF

His Sacred Passion,

IN THE YEAR OF GRACE,

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PREFACE

TO THE

AMERICAN EDITION.

THE want of a full and appropriate manual of devotion, adapted to the peculiar necessities, the changing circumstances, and diversified state and character of all who are in trouble or distress; has been often felt by the clergy, in their visitation of the sick and afflicted, and still more by the sufferers themselves. Not that those who stood in need of comfort and support had ever been overlooked or forgotten, but that in the sad variety of human wo, each form of it had not received the consideration which it deserved; and that much that was suited to the respective cases of distress, instead of being brought together in a single volume, was scattered and diffused. It had long been my desire to remedy this evil, and some steps had been taken towards its accomplishment, when I unexpectedly discovered that my plan had been anticipated in some measure, by an English work which was submitted to my inspection with a view, if it were approved, to its republication. I found on a careful examination of it, that much of it was exceedingly precious; but it was full even to redundance, unsuited in certain respects to the taste and feelings of the age, and, therefore, not calculated to produce the good which, with all its excellence, it so truly deserved. It seemed therefore to require a thorough revision, which it has now received; and though the general form of the work remains the same, many parts of it have been cast into a different mould. In order to give to this little volume still greater fullness, I have added to it all the Prayers for the sick and afflicted which, in the course of a long ministry, I have been led to prepare, on various occasions, for cases of sorrow and trouble as they successively occurred. W. B.

Morning Prayers.

I.—AN EARLY SERVICE TO BE USED ON FIRST AWAKING OR RISING.

EJACULATIONS.

I LAID me down in peace and took my rest, for Thou, Lord, didst make me dwell in safety, (Ps. iv. 8.)

I have thought upon Thee in the morning, because Thou hast been my helper; therefore, under the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice. My soul hangeth upon Thee; Thy right hand hath upholden me.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, my God, and the God of my fathers, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning, and renewest the face of the earth; who hast enlightened my eyes that I should not sleep in death. All glory be to Thee, O Lord, for the sleep and protection which Thou hast graciously given me this night.

PRAYERS.

O THOU, who hast foretold that Thou wilt return to judgment in an hour that we are not aware of; grant us grace to watch and pray always, that, whe-

ther Thou shalt come at even, or at midnight, or in the morning, we may be among the number of those servants who shall be found waiting for their Lord. Amen.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Thy mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.—MORNING PRAYER.

[*One or more of the following sentences may be used at discretion.*]

I AM the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. (John xi. 25, 26.)

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. (Heb. ix. 27.)

He cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Matt. viii. 16, 17.)

If we suffer with Him we shall also reign with

Him. May I know Him then, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (Col. i. 19-23; Phil. iii. 10, 11.)

I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (Rom. viii. 18.)

Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. (1 Pet. iv. 12, 13.)

CONFESSION.

O Eternal God! whose gracious wisdom vouchsafes to command such things as are necessary to fit us for everlasting bliss, and to forbid such as would make us eternally unhappy, I, a miserable sinner, humbly prostrate myself before Thy adorable Majesty; and with true and hearty sorrow, accuse and condemn myself. I confess, O Lord God, that I have grievously sinned against Thee, in thought, word, and deed. [*Here pause and examine yourself.*] But have mercy upon me, O most merciful Father, have mercy upon me, forgive my sins, and bring me to everlasting life for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, &c.

V. O holy Father, the Giver of life, of health and of safety;

R. Have mercy upon me, for I am weak.

ANTIPHON.

Then shall my mouth be filled with Thy praise, and I will sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

[*Here may be used one or more of the Psalms appointed for the day.*]

LESSON.*

(Job v. 6—9, 11, 17, 19.)

ALTHOUGH affliction cometh not forth of the dust, neither doth trouble spring out of the ground; yet man is born unto trouble as the sparks fly upward. I would seek unto God, and unto God would I commit my cause: which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvellous things without number: to set up on high those that be low; that those which mourn may be exalted to safety. Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty; for He maketh sore and bindeth up: He woundeth, and His hands make whole. He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

* Those who have sufficient strength should read the Lessons appointed by the Church.

PRAYER.—Cause me, O God, to believe Thy word, to obey Thy commands, to fear Thy judgments, to hope in Thy mercies, and to depend upon Thy gracious promises, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

[*Here the Te Deum may be said.*]

"We praise thee, O God."

[*Or, this Psalm of praise:*]

"Praise the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia."

WE praise Thee, O Lord. Almighty Father, we praise Thee.

Everlasting, true, and only Son, we praise Thee.

Holy Spirit, Perfecter, and Sanctifier of the Faithful, we praise Thee.

Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth proclaim Thy glory.

Thou who art the Fulness of the empty; the Light of the blind; the Restorer of the lost; we praise Thee.

Comforter of the desolate; Father of the fatherless; Judge of the widows; Helper of the helpless; Healer of the sick, we praise Thee.

King of kings and Lord of lords, we praise Thee and magnify Thee for ever.

SECOND LESSON.

(St. John xiv. 1–4, 18, 25–27; xvi. 23, 24, 33.)

LET not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told

you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name He will give it you. Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These things I have spoken unto you, that in Me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

[*Then repeat the Creed: and afterwards say*],

V. O holy God, O holy and mighty, O holy and immortal, have mercy upon us.

R. O Christ, the Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

V. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

R. Let thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us; as we put our trust in Thee.

V. Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;

R. And let Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

V. O Lord, save Thy people.

R. And bless all in authority over us.

V. O think upon Thy Church, which Thou hast purchased with Thy precious blood.

R. Peace be within her walls, and plenteousness within her palaces.

V. Let the sighing of the sick ascend before Thee, O Lord.

R. And hear Thou their cry.

V. Sun of rightcousness, arise upon us, with healing in Thy wings.

R. Enlighten our hearts, and pour upon us the dew of Thy blessing;

V. That we may rightly use the day of grace.

R. O Thou who camest in humility to save us;

V. Come, now, graciously, to deliver us.

R. Lead Thy afflicted servants from the house of bondage;

V. And rescue them from the power of the wicked.

R. Smite, as Thou pleasest, our health, or our life;

V. But cast us not off in the midst of our sins, nor suffer us to die in impenitence.

R. But make us, O Lord, ready for Thyself;

V. That we may pass from death unto life, and dwell with Thee in peace.

Prayers.

I.—THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

II.—PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

O Lord our God, who governest all things by the counsel of Thy will; whose hand can wound and heal, lead down to the grave, and bring up again; I bow myself before Thee, humbly beseeching Thee to preserve me this day from all dangers, to give me patience and resignation in my afflictions, constancy in temptations, and victory over all my spiritual enemies. Grant me sorrow for my sins, thankfulness for all Thy benefits (especially for those of the night past), fear of Thy judgments, love of Thy mercies, and mindfulness of Thy presence for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.—PRAYER FOR PATIENCE AND RESIGNATION.

Most merciful and gracious Father, who, in the redemption of mankind by the passion of Thy dear Son, hast established a covenant of sufferings, I bless and magnify Thy name, for adopting me into the inheritance of sons, and giving me the portion of my Saviour. Thou art the God of patience and consolation: strengthen me, I beseech Thee, in the inner man, that I may not only bear the yoke of the Lord without murmuring, but may rejoice in this Thy dis-

pensation. I am unable, of myself, to bear the Cross; but do Thou, O Holy Jesus, strengthen me under the burden. Lord, pity my weakness, sanctify my sickness; save me and deliver me. O suffer me not to offend Thee by impatience, nor to weaken the hands and hearts of those that charitably minister to my needs; but let me pass through this valley of tears, and the shadow of death, in peace and safety, with a meek and submissive spirit, and a deep sense of Thy mercies. Grant this, O gracious Father, for the merits and intercession of our merciful High Priest, who once suffered, and now intercedes for me, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

IV.—PRAYER FOR PHYSICIAN AND ATTENDANTS.

O MOST blessed and eternal Saviour, who art the great Physician of souls, and who orderest all things well for them that love Thee; Look down upon me with pity in my sufferings and sorrows. Bless, I beseech thee, the attendance of Thy servant [*N*] to the restoration of my health; direct his judgment, prosper his medicines, and, if it be Thy holy will, restore me once more to the society of the living that I may praise Thy goodness in the congregation of Thy saints. Bless all those dear and kind friends who minister to my necessities, give them patience to bear with my infirmities, and reward them in Thine everlasting kingdom, and give me grace to treat them with kindness, gentleness, and gratitude, for Christ's sake. Amen.

[*Then may follow the "General Thanksgiving" from the Book of Common Prayer; and any Prayers of intercession which may be approved, or any of the Prayers for particular occasions, according to the discretion of the persons using them.*]

THE BLESSING.

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore our defence; and make us know and feel that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, we may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

III. SHORT MORNING PRAYERS, FROM THE SERVICES OF THE GREEK CHURCH.

1. O Lord our God, I give Thee hearty thanks that thou hast raised me up again, and put into my mouth the words of Thy praise; and that thou hast once more permitted me to bless and magnify Thy holy name for the favour and loving kindness which I have hitherto experienced through the whole course of my life. Send down Thine aid upon all who stand before the face of Thy Glory, waiting for the riches of Thy mercy; and grant them, with fear and love, to serve and praise Thee for Thine unspeakable goodness for ever and ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. O Holy and Incomprehensible Lord God, who didst bid the light to shine out of darkness; who hast refreshed us with sleep in the night, and raised us up to praise Thy goodness; we, therefore, beseech Thee, receive the worship and thanks which we render unto Thee, and grant us all things necessary for our salvation. Remember, O Lord, in the multitude of Thy mercies, all Thy people who at this time present their petitions with us; and all our brethren on the earth, or on the seas, in all places of Thy dominion who are in need of Thy special help and goodness, and grant them Thy protection, that, being saved, both in body and soul, they may always continue to praise Thy wonderful and glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks unto Thee, O God of our fathers, that Thou hast brought us through the darkness of the night, and shown us again the light of day. We implore Thy goodness to forgive us our sins, and receive our prayers, for we flee unto Thee for mercy and protection. Let the Sun of righteousness enlighten our minds and shine upon our path, that walking in the way of Thy commandments, we may attain unto everlasting life; through the mercy, compassion, and loving-kindness of Thine only-begotten Son, with whom, together with Thy most Holy, Blessed, and life-giving

Spirit, Thou art praised both now, and for ever. Amen.

4. Illuminate our hearts, O Lord, with the Wisdom from above, and open the eyes of our minds to understand the truths of Thy Gospel. Graft in us the love of Thy commandments, that all carnal desires being subdued, we may be governed by the Spirit, and all our thoughts and works be pleasing in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Hours.

The third, the sixth, and the ninth hours, divide the day into even spaces of time, and are therefore allotted to prayer; that while we are intent upon other business, and may forget our duties towards God, the very hour when it comes may put us in mind thereof. And how can we do less than three times in the day at least (besides morning and evening, which will invite us to prayer of themselves), fall down and worship the Blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?—*S. Isidore.*

THE THIRD HOUR.

[*It includes the time from nine o'clock till noon; and the prayers may be used before entering on the general employments and business of the day.*]

In the exercise of devotion and prayer, we read that the three children and the prophet Daniel, strong

in faith, and victorious in captivity, observed the third hour of the day.—*S. Cyprian.*

SENTENCES.

And it was the third hour. (Mark xv. 25.)

It is but the third hour. (Acts ii. 15.)

Let your prayer be made at the third hour also; for then it was that Pilate gave sentence upon our Lord and Saviour to have Him crucified.—*Const. Apost.*

At the third hour of the day let us give ourselves to holy supplication and prayer, having in continual remembrance the most glorious gift of the Holy Ghost which was then bestowed upon the Apostles of Christ.—*S. Basil.*

HYMN.

Come, Holy Ghost, who ever one
  Art with the Father and the Son;
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess
  With thy full flood of holiness.

Let mouth, and heart, and flesh combine
  To herald forth our creed divine;
And love so wrap our mortal frame,
  Others may catch the living flame.

This grace on Thy redeem'd confer,
  Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
  Eternal Three in One.

TEXT.

God is love; and whosoever dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

O Thou who at the third hour didst send down the Holy Ghost into Thine Apostles, take not away that same Spirit from us, but renew Him daily in our hearts and fill us with the riches of His grace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

And then the Prayers following.

ALMIGHTY God, who as about this hour didst instruct and replenish the hearts of Thy faithful servants by sending down upon them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things; that we may both perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same; through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was also at this hour contented to receive the bitter sentence of leath for us, and now liveth and reigneth in the unity of the same blessed Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, and the well-spring of all graces, who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, being born in sin, by water and the Spirit in the blessed laver of baptism, receiving us

thereby into the number of Thy children, and making us heirs of everlasting life in the communion of all Thy glorious saints;* strengthen us, we beseech thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and ghostly strength, the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness, and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy holy fear, through Him who sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

DOXOLOGIES.

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE SIXTH HOUR.

[*It includes the time from noon till three o'clock.*]

Besides, we observe the sixth hour, not only for that we find holy men before us to have done the like, both in the Old Testament, as Daniel in his chamber, and in the New, as Peter upon his house; but also for that our Lord Jesus Christ was at this

* Look down upon us, O Lord, and upon those thou hast given us, and whom we have dedicated unto thee; (*or*) and all those who are pledged unto Thee in that holy sacrament.

hour exalted upon the cross, like the serpent in the wilderness, that whosoever turneth to Him might be healed.—*S. Cyprian.*

SENTENCES.

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth. (Luke xxiii.)

Peter went up upon the house-top to pray about the sixth hour. (Acts x. 9.)

At noonday will I cry, and that instantly; and He shall hear my voice. (Ps. lv. 17).

Let your prayers be made also at the sixth hour; for at that time was our Lord and Saviour crucified upon the cross for us.—*Const. Apost.*

Be instant in prayers with God, and worship Him that hung upon the cross, at the sixth hour of the day.—*S. Athanasius.*

HYMN.

O God, the Lord of place and time,
  Who orderest all things prudently,
Brightening with beams the opening prime,
  And burning in the midday sky:

Quench Thou the fires of hate and strife,
  The wasting fever of the heart;
From perils guard our feeble life,
  And to our souls Thy peace impart.

This grace on thy redeem'd confer,
  Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
  Eternal Three in One.

TEXT.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

O Thou who at the sixth hour didst nail the sins of the world to the same cross with Thyself,

Blot out the handwriting of our offences which is against us,

And save us.

O Saviour of the world, who, by Thy cross and precious blood, hast redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY.

And then the prayers following.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast suffered death on the cross, that we might be brought to eternal life, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of death; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all others who hold thy passion in devout remembrance, a prosperous and godly life in this present world, and, through Thy grace, eternal glory in the life to come; where, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, who wast given both to be a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life, and who didst bid us take up our cross daily and follow Thee, make, we pray Thee, the yoke of Thy commandments easy and the burden of thy cross light, unto our souls. Conform us to the likeness of Thy passion, and give us grace to die unto sin, and to live unto righteousness, for thy merits, O Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

DOXOLOGIES.

The Lord's name be praised from the rising up of the sun to the going down thereof.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE NINTH HOUR.

[*It includes the time from three o'clock till six; and the prayers may be used after the business of the day is concluded.*]

At this hour did flow from the side of our Saviour, the blood, whereby we are redeemed, and the water, wherewith we are regenerate; Jesus yielded up the ghost; the thief was admitted into Paradise; the labourers sent into the vineyard; and forgiveness of sins promised to them that repent and come unto Christ, even at the last hour.—*Rupinus de Div. Off.*

SENTENCES.

At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. (Mark xv. 34.)

Peter and John went up together into the Temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. (Acts iii. 1.)

The Church hath ever been accustomed to interpret one of the prophets' times of prayer to be the ninth hour, and to observe it accordingly.—*S. Jerome.*

The ninth hour is accounted solemn and sacred; that, remembering how Christ at this hour commended His Spirit into the hand of His Father, we also, with devout prayers and supplications, might yield up to Him our souls and bodies a living sacrifice.—*Rabbanus Maurus.*

HYMN.

O God, unchangeable and true,
  Of all the life and power,
Dispensing light in silence through
  Every successive hour.

Lord, brighten our declining day,
  That it may never wane
Till death, when all things round decay,
  Brings back the morn again.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
  Father, coequal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter,
  Eternal Three in One.

TEXT

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

O Thou who at the ninth hour for us sinners and for our sins didst taste death,

Mortify our members which are upon the earth, and whatsoever is contrary unto Thy will,

And save us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

And then the Prayers following.

Almighty God, who, of Thy tender love towards us, hast sent our Saviour Christ to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility; mercifully grant that we who have this His most precious death and passion in continual remembrance, may both follow the example of His patience, and be made partakers of His glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear us, O Lord, and remember now the hour in which thou didst once commend Thy blessed Spirit into the hands of Thy heavenly Father; when

with a wounded body and agonized heart Thou didst show forth the bowels of Thy mercy, and die for us: we beseech Thee so to assist us by this Thy precious death, that, being dead unto the world, we may live only unto Thee; and grant that at the hour of our departure we may commend our souls into Thy hands, and be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, there to reign with Thee for ever and ever. Amen.

Evening Services.

I.—AN EVENING SERVICE.

SENTENCES.

The Lord hath granted His loving-kindness in the day-time; and in the night-season did I sing of Him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life. (Ps. xlii. 8.)

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. (1 Cor. xv. 51, 52.)

For which cause we faint not; but though our

outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (2 Cor. iv. 16—18.)

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Cor. xii. 9.)

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (James i. 4.)

O GREAT and glorious Lord, before whom the Seraphim cover their faces and at whose feet the saints cast their crowns; I bow down in lowliness before Thee, but yet offering up my petitions with confidence, since Thou hast graciously promised to grant what Thy Spirit has inspired us to ask, through our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hatest all iniquity, I humble myself before Thy adorable Majesty, confessing with true and hearty sorrow all the sins of my past life, and particularly those I have committed this day,* by thought, word, or deed,

* Here name the particular sins.

against Thy holy laws, provoking, most justly, Thy wrath and indignation against me. I acknowledge them, O Lord, with shame and confusion of face, humbly beseeching Thee to have pity upon me, according to Thy great goodness, and to blot out my transgressions. But as is Thy majesty, so is Thy mercy, O gracious Father, and, therefore, I beseech Thee to hear my humble supplication for the pardon of my sins; forgive them all, O Lord, of what kind or degree soever they be; the sins of my youth, and the sins of my riper years; the sins of my soul, and the sins of my body; my secret sins, and my open sins; my sins of ignorance, and my presumptuous sins; the sins which I have committed to please myself, and those wherein I have caused others to sin; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all for His sake who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now maketh intercession for us at Thy right hand, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUPPLICATION FOR PARDON.

Hear me, O God, my Saviour. Thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea; be merciful, O Lord, be merciful to my sins, and have pity upon me, and all Thy people.

Our Father, &c.

V. The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

R. The Lord hath chastened and corrected me, but He hath not given me over unto death.

V. My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord.

R. For Thou art the Hope of the afflicted, the Rest of those who labor and are heavy laden with iniquity; and to Thee we offer up our praise.

O come, then, let us worship, and fall down before Him.

For faithful is He in all His promises, and His covenant is confirmed to all the generations of His saints.

Lo, now is the shadow of death by Him turned into the glorious morning of the resurrection. The shadows are past, and the Sun of righteousness has risen with healing in his wings.

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. Amen.

LESSON.

(Hebrews xii.)

PRAYER.

O Holy Spirit of grace, cause me both to understand and love Thy word.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him; for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth

every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of His holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruits of righteousness to them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

[*Then say the Song of Simeon:*]

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant," &c.

[*After which shall follow this Exhortation from the Visitation of the Sick.*]

THESE words, Christian [*brother* or *sister*], are written in Holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently, and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever by any manner of adversity it shall please His gra-

cious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For He himself went not up to joy, but first He suffered pain: He entered not into His glory before He was crucified. So, truly, our way to eternal joy is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life is gladly to die with Christ, that we may rise again from death, and dwell with Him in everlasting life. Now, therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you, in the name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your Baptism. And, forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons,—examine yourself and your estate, both toward God and man; so that accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at your Heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Hear the articles of your faith, that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian should or no.

[*Here repeat the Apostles', or Nicene, Creed.*]

PRAYER.

I GIVE Thee hearty thanks, O heavenly Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to call me to the knowledge of Thy grace and faith in Thee; confirm this faith in

me evermore, grant that I may die in this faith, and in the peace and communion of Thy Holy Church; and that I may be united to Jesus, the Head of this Church, and to all His members, by a love that shall never end. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Our Father, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer,
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. O Lord, save Thy servant,
R. Who putteth his trust in Thee.
V. O Lord, save Thy people;
R. And make Thy heritage joyful.
V. Deliver us from all our iniquities;
R. And help us for the glory of Thy name.
V. Let the sighing of the sick ascend before Thee;
R. And hear Thou the cry of the poor.
V. Let Satan have no advantage over them;
R. Nor the wicked approach to hurt them.
V. O let Thine ears consider well the voice of our complaint.
R. For out of the deep have we called upon Thee, O merciful Saviour.
V. Send us help from Thy holy sanctuary.
R. Show us the light of Thy countenance, and let Thy peace be upon us.

V. Turn not thy face away from us, lest we be like them that go down to the pit.

R. Keep us, O Lord, in safety, and glorify Thy name.

V. So shall we praise Thee, O Lord;

R. And our hearts shall rejoice and sing;

V. For Thou, O Lord, art our Refuge;

R. Our glory also, and the lifter up of our head.

V. Thou art always near to relieve the afflicted;

R. And wilt save the humble of spirit.

V. Thou, Lord, raisest those that are fallen, and bindest up the broken in heart.

R. Show us Thy mercy, O Lord, who call upon Thy name;

V. And make all those rejoice, who lift up their souls unto Thee.

R. In Thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.

V. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

R. For thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Prayers.

I.—PRAYER FOR PROTECTION.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, by whose providence all things both in heaven and earth are governed and controlled; vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, as Thou hast this day preserved us by Thy goodness, so still this night to shadow us under thy wing, and to cover us with Thy mercy, so that neither the prince of darkness may have any power over us, nor the works of darkness overwhelm us, but that, being armed with Thy defence, we may be kept from all adversities that may hurt the body, and from all wicked thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.—PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

O Father of mercies, the God of peace and comfort, of rest and pardon, grant me, Thy servant, patience in my sickness, comfort in my sorrows, and restore me to health, if it seem good unto Thee. But if it be Thy will to call me hence, receive my soul into Thine everlasting rest, or if it be Thy will to spare me, give me grace to amend my life, to the glory of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.—FOR SUPPORT IN AFFLICTION.

Teach me, O Lord my God, so to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom; and

ever to remember my last end, that I may not dare to sin against Thee. Let Thy holy angels be ever present with me, to keep me in all my ways, from the violence and malice of all my enemies, from a sinful life, and from despair in the day of my death. Then, O blessed Jesus, shine gloriously upon me; let Thy mercies and the light of Thy countenance sustain me in all my agonies, weaknesses, and temptations. Give me the opportunity of a prudent spiritual guide, and of receiving the holy Sacrament; and let Thy loving spirit so guide me, that with the testimony of a good conscience, and the sense of Thy mercies, I may depart this life in the unity of Thy church, in the love of God, and a certain hope of salvation, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

[*Or this.*]

Into Thy hands, most blessed Jesus, I commend my soul and body, which Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood. So bless and sanctify my sleep, that it may be sweet and refreshing to my wearied body, and an interval of repose to my sad and anxious mind. O let me never sleep in sin, or death eternal, but give me a watchful spirit, that, whether I sleep or wake, live or die, I may be Thy child and servant; and grant that when the work of this life is ended, I may rest in the bosom of my Lord, till, by the voice of the archangel, the trump of God, I shall be awakened, and called to sit down at

the eternal supper of the Lamb. Grant this, for Thy mercies' sake, and for the glory of Thy name, O blessed Lord, who art our advocate with the Father, and who ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

THANKSGIVING.

Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath sent His angels, and kept me in safety this day; and hath given me His Spirit to restrain me from evil. I am not worthy, O Lord, of the least of Thy mercies, which Thou hast showed Thy servant, neither can I render Thee a due return for them; but accept, I beseech Thee, my evening sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Praised be Thy holy name, for that never ceasing shower of blessings by which I live here in comfort, and for the hopes and promises of a better life to come. I bless and magnify Thee for all the known and for all the unobserved favors of Thy overflowing bounty, for all the deliverances of Thy watchful providence, for all the chastisements of Thy fatherly love, and for all the graces and visitations of Thy Holy Spirit, to myself, my family, and friends, beseeching Thee to pardon the imperfections in my gratitude and praise, for the sake of Thy Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

II.—SHORT EVENING PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE TOO WEAK TO USE THE LONGER SERVICE.

O Lord, rebuke us not in Thine indignation, nei-

ther chasten us in Thy heavy displeasure; but deal with us according to Thy mercy, Thou Physician and healer of our bodies and souls; guide us into Thy will; enlighten us with Thy truth: and give us the remainder of this day, and the residue of our life, peace and deliverance from sin, through the intercession of Thy blessed Son, our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

II.

O GREAT and most high God, who only hast immortality, and dwellest in light inaccessible; who hast formed Thy creation in wisdom, dividing the light from the darkness, and hast now vouchsafed to us sinners, to come into Thy presence with thanksgiving, and to offer unto Thee our evening sacrifice of praise; let our prayer ascend before Thee as incense, and give us safety and peace through the approaching night. Clothe us with the armour of light; deliver us from every evil that walketh in darkness; and grant that our rest may be calm and undisturbed; that so, O Lord, we may remember Thy name in the night season; and, being instructed by the light of Thy commandments, may arise in joyfulness of spirit to celebrate Thy goodness, and to present our prayers and supplications to Thee for our own sins, and for the sins of all thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.—PRAYERS AND EJACULATIONS FOR BED-TIME AND NIGHT.

I WILL lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me to dwell in safety. (Psa. iv. 9.)

Lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. Defend me from the terrors of the night, and from the pestilence that walketh in darkness. (Ps. xiii. 3, xci. 5.)

O Thou Keeper of Israel, that neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve me this night from all evil; yea, do Thou preserve my soul. (Ps. cxxi.)

O most kind and merciful Lord, let this season of rest be an entire cessation to me, as well from sin as from labour and sorrow. And do Thou, O Lord, drive away all the suggestions of the Devil; and suffer not any thought to surprise my unguarded mind, which is capable of displeasing Thee, or defiling me.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, my spirit, soul, and body, for Thou hast created and redeemed them, O Lord God of truth; and together with me, take under Thy Fatherly care and protection all that are near and dear to me, for Jesus Christ's sake Amen.

Prayers.

O Lord, grant us, now retiring to rest, repose both of body and soul, and protect us from all troubled and sinful dreams; order our unruly affections; quench the fiery darts of the wicked; mortify the lusts of the flesh, and lay our worldly thoughts asleep. Give us, O Lord, quickness of understanding, purity of heart, soberness of mind, and temperate and refreshing rest, that we may arise at the hour of prayer, confirmed in faith, and fortified in obedience to Thy commands. And grant that, glorifying Thee in the night, we may sing of Thee, bless Thee, and praise Thy great and glorious name, who with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

II.

My soul is awake unto Thee, O God, in the night season, for Thy statutes are our light. O Lord, teach us Thy commandments. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding, that we sleep not in death. Chase away all darkness from our minds. Make the Sun of righteousness to shine upon us, and preserve us in innocence of life, by the seal of Thy Spirit. Guide our feet into the way of peace and grant us to behold the approach of light and the day, with joy, that we may offer unto Thee our morning hymns of praise.

For Thine, O blessed Trinity, is the kingdom and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

III.

I THANK Thee, O God of my salvation, for all the blessings of this life [*especially*——, *here mention particulars*]. In the remembrance of Thy mercies, may I ever look up to Thee with gratitude, and celebrate Thy praise. Thou hast refreshed me with rest through the past night, and raised me up again to magnify and worship Thy glorious name. Grant me grace and strength, I beseech Thee, O Lord, that I may worthily sing to Thy glory, and incessantly pray unto Thee, and that, aided by Thy Spirit, I may work out my own salvation with fear and trembling. And remember those, O Lord, who call upon Thy name in the night season; give ear unto them, and have mercy upon them, beating down all enemies under their feet, through our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

IV.

ACCEPT, O Lord, my supplications and prayers, and grant me faith that cannot be shaken, hope that cannot be removed, and love without dissimulation. Bless my going out and coming in; my thoughts, words, and deeds, that I may begin the day in blessing the riches of Thy goodness, and end it in Thy praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[*This may be said on behalf of the household.*]

V. Have mercy upon us, Thy servants, here assembled in Thy presence;

R. And guard and defend us from all evil this night.

V. Keep us from the terror and danger of fire;

R. And from all assaults of wicked men, and wicked spirits.

V. Into Thy hands we commend our souls;

R. O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

Let us pray.

Accept, O gracious Father, this our evening sacrifice of humble and hearty thanks for all the mercies and blessings of this day, and of our past lives. Thy daily care hath been of us, and our daily praises are due unto Thee, to whom we owe all that we are and all that we have. We desire now to lay down our wearied heads upon our beds, humbly beseeching Thee to watch over us this night, and to grant each of us such refreshment as we severally need. Keep us, therefore, gracious Lord, in safety under the shadow of thy wings, for unto Thy Almighty protection we commit ourselves, earnestly beseeching Thee, that after due rest we may rise from our beds with thankful hearts, to glorify thee by our good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of the patriarchs and prophets, of apostles, martyrs, and confessors, and of all true believers, increase our faith, confirm our hope, and enlarge our charity; and grant that we may faithfully serve Him here, by doing and suffering His will all the days of our short pilgrimage, and after death, be made partakers of immortal glory.

Save us, good Lord, waking, and keep us, sleeping; that we may watch with Christ, and rest in peace. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c. &c.

IV.—A LITANY FOR THE SICK.

[*This may be read by a friend, and responded to by the sick person.*]

PART I.

O God, the Father, Creator of the world;
Have mercy upon us (or me).
O God, the Son, Redeemer of mankind;
Have mercy, &c.
O God, the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier, Comforter, and Perfecter of the faithful;
Have mercy, &c.
Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity;
Have mercy, &c.

O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, who dost comfort us in all our tribulations, and suffer est us not to be tempted above that we are able to

bear, but with the temptation makest a way for us to escape;

Have mercy, &c.

Who chastisest and scourgest those whom Thou lovest; who judgest and correctest us with weakness and sickness, and death itself, that we may not be condemned with the world;

Have mercy, &c.

Who didst breathe into man the breath of life; and delightest not in the destruction of the living;

Have mercy, &c.

Thou who turnest man to destruction, and sayest, "Return, again, ye children of men;" who woundest and healest; who strikest and bindest up; who killest and makest alive; who bringest down to the grave and raisest up again;

Have mercy, &c.

Thou who savedst Noah in the flood; Lot from the burning of Sodom; and who, slaying the first-born in Egypt, yet preservedst Thy people;

Have mercy, &c.

Thou who, at the prayers of Thy prophets Elijah and Elisha, didst restore the dead to life; and heal Naaman's leprosy; who freedst Hezekiah from death, when he wept and cried unto Thee; and restoredst Job out of his afflictions;

Have mercy, &c.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who wast sent to heal the broken in heart; to preach liberty to the captives, and comfort to all that mourn;

who tookest upon Thee our infirmities, and barest our sicknesses; who wentest about doing good, and healing all that were sick and oppressed; by whose power the blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, and the dead raised;

Have mercy upon us and deliver us (or me).

Thou, who restoredst the woman who had been bowed down eighteen years, who curedst the centurion's servant, and the daughter of the woman of Canaan, having respect to her faith;

Have mercy upon me, and heal me.

Thou who, in Thine agony, didst sweat great drops of blood; who, though praying that the cup might pass from Thee, didst still submit to Thy Father's will; and in dying didst commend Thy Spirit into His hands; who, by Thy death, didst destroy him who had the power of death; and who, by Thy resurrection, didst give us a lively hope of rising from the dead;

Have mercy upon me, and help me.

Thou who, ascending into heaven, art the Lord of life, and who didst send Thy Holy Spirit to endue Thy Apostles with the power of working miracles, and healing the sick;

Have mercy upon me, and deliver me.

PART II.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me.

Deliver me, O Lord.

From the guilt and burden of my sins, and from all the deceits and assaults of the Devil;

Deliver, &c.

From all impatience, and murmuring against Thy Providence; from all weakness of mind; from all distrust and despair of Thy mercy; from the fear of death, and too anxious a desire of life;

Deliver, &c.

From too great carefulness about things temporal, and neglect in preparing for those which are eternal, and from such grievous pain and agony as would draw my mind from Thee;

Deliver, &c.

From Thy wrath and indignation; from the terrible sentence of the great day; from the gates of hell, and powers of darkness; from the bitter pains of eternal death;

Deliver, &c.

By the infinite mercies of God the Father; by the infinite merits of God the Son; by the boundless grace and consolation of God the Holy Ghost;

Deliver, &c.

By the pains of death, O blessed Jesus, which encompassed Thee in the garden; by Thine agony and bloody sweat; by Thine anguish on the Cross;

Deliver, &c.

By Thy powerful resurrection, and glorious ascension; by Thy gracious and prevailing intercession;

in the time of our necessities and straits; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

Deliver, &c.

PART III.

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord; And that Thou wouldest not enter into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight can no man living be justified; that Thou wouldest not be extreme to mark what we have done amiss, but wouldest enlighten our eyes, that we sleep not in death;

We beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, we may serve Thee without fear in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That being made whole by Thy grace, from our disease, we sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon us;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That knowing the uncertainty of the time of death, and the certainty of Thy judgment, we may set our house in order, and be ever ready for Thy coming;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, being reconciled to Thee, and all the world, we may, with a firm faith, and lively hope, reverently receive the holy Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, and continue to the end in Thy grace and favour;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, when and howsoever it shall please Thee to dispose of us, either for life or death, we may cheerfully submit ourselves to Thy most holy will, and that, as we have received good at Thy hand, so we may patiently receive evil;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That we neglect not Thy chastisements, nor faint when we are rebuked by Thee; but, looking up to the Author and Finisher of our faith, who, for the joy that was set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame, we may run, with patience, the race that is set before us;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, according to the multitude of the sorrows which we have in our hearts, Thy comforts may refresh our souls; that, as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so by Him, also, our consolations may abound;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That these momentary and light afflictions here, may work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

That, whether we live, we may live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we may die unto the Lord; that Christ may be glorified in our bodies and in our souls; that neither life nor death, nor any other creature, may be able to separate us from Christ Jesus our Lord;

We sinners beseech thee to hear us, O Lord.

That the earthly house of this tabernacle being dissolved, we may have an house of God not made with hands, eternal in the heavens; that, walking in the midst of the shadow of death, we may fear no evil, because Thou art with us;

We sinners beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord.

O Saviour of the world, who, by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us, and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Our Father, &c.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more; open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who now most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider *his* contrition; accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as he putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit; and, when Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTORY PRAYER.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and evermore. Amen.

A PRAYER IN SICKNESS.

O God, whose never-failing Providence ordereth all things both in heaven and in earth; behold me Thy servant, upon whom Thou hast been pleased to lay Thine afflicting hand. Sanctify, I beseech Thee, this Thy Fatherly correction to me, and grant that I may receive it with all the patience and submission becoming Thy child; neither murmuring nor repining under any dispensations of Thy Providence, but looking on all my afflictions as the means to wean me from the world, to bring me nearer to Thyself, and to purge away all that dross and defilement which my soul has contracted in this sinful world. O merciful Father, let not my sins provoke Thee to turn away Thy face from me, while I fly unto Thee in this time of my trouble; but for the merits and intercession of Thy beloved Son, pardon all my sins, and say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

Give me strength, resolution, and patience, to bear all my pains, weaknesses, and infirmities; strengthen my faith, confirm my hope, increase my charity, and

perfect my repentance that I may be delivered from the fear of death. Make Thou my bed in my sickness, and lay not more upon me than Thou wilt enable me to bear; give a blessing to the means that shall be used for my recovery; and if it be Thy good pleasure, restore me to my former health, that I may lead the rest of my life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. But if Thou hast determined that this sickness shall be unto death; grant, O merciful Father, that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more the inner man may be strengthened and renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; and give me grace so to take this Thy visitation, that, after this painful life is ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O HEAVENLY Father, who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for me, if it seem good in Thy sight, remove this distemper from me, so that I may employ my health to Thy glory, and all my days in praising Thy name. But if Thou art pleased that it should greatly increase, may I willingly submit to Thy afflicting hand; for whom Thou lovest Thou dost chasten, and scourgest every son whom Thou dost receive. I know that Thou sendest this sickness upon me for my good, even to humble and reform me; O grant that it may work in me the effect which Thou dost graciously design.

Lord, create in me a true and hearty sorrow for all my sins past, a steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus, and sincere resolutions of amendment for the time to come.

Deliver me from all frowardness and impatience, and give me an entire resignation to Thy divine will: O suffer not the disease to distract my mind, and supply me continually with devout and holy thoughts. Lord, bless the means that are used for my recovery, and restore me to health; but if Thou hast otherwise appointed, Thy will be done. O wean my affections from all things below, and fill me with ardent desires after heaven; fit me for the hour of my departure, and in Thine own good time bring me to Thy presence, where there is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Grant this, for the sake of Thine only Son, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose holy words I sum up all my wants.

Our Father, &c.

ANOTHER.

Almighty and most merciful Lord God, who, by the infirmities of this life, dost put us in mind of our mortality, and by these outward afflictions dost call us to inward repentance; I cry unto Thee with my whole heart. Rebuke me not in Thine anger, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed. Thou art He, O Lord, that

woundest and healest again, that killest and revivest, that leadest to the gates of hell, and bringest back again. If this my sickness, O Lord, be not unto death, help, on this my bed of infirmity, and strengthen me.

O merciful Lord God, who of thy great mercy dost forgive the offences of those who truly repent, mercifully look upon me, Thy poor servant, and hearken unto me who humbly crave of Thee remission of my sins. Pity my sighs, my tears, and my groans, and vouchsafe to be reconciled to me. O Lord, it grieveth me that I have offended Thy Majesty, and I humbly pray Thee, by the death, passion, and intercession of Thy dear Son, to pardon all my offences. Amen.

A PRAYER IN EXTREME SICKNESS.

O Lord God of our salvation, who for our sakes wast wounded, and didst die and lie in the grave, and by Thine own power didst rise again with victory and triumph; have mercy upon Thy servant, for Thine indignation lieth hard upon me, and Thou hast vexed me with all Thy storms. My soul is full of trouble by reason of my sins, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave; restore me unto Thy favour, and let me not go down into the dark; but let me show forth Thy loving-kindness amongst Thy redeemed ones in the land of the living. O hide not Thou Thy face from me, but give me health of body,

and restore and preserve me in the life of righteousness; and so bless me with opportunities of doing Thee service, that I may redeem the time past, and by Thy grace grow rich in good works; that when Thou shalt demand my soul, it may not be abhorred of Thee, nor suffer Thy terrors, but may have an eternity of blessings in the resurrection of the just; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER THAT THE AFFLICTION MAY BE PROFITABLE.

O MERCIFUL Lord, who usest Thy rod in anger as well as in love, and designest our amendment in every correction; look upon me with the compassion of a Father, teach me to call my ways to remembrance, and find out the accursed thing that has brought this affliction upon me; and make me so sensible of my manifold provocations, and so sincerely to lament, abhor, and forsake them, that this chastisement may be a proof of Thy love and compassion to me. Grant that, by a serious and hearty repentance, a lively faith, and a just confidence in Thy mercy, I may be prepared, while it is day, for the night in which no man can work; that if Thou shouldest see fit to spare me, I may be an example of one who has profited by Thy judgment; or else reap the benefits of Thy Fatherly correction in an entire submission to Thy will here, and being received to Thy glory hereafter, through the merits of our Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR SUPPORT IN TROUBLE, AND DELIVERANCE FROM IT.

O Lord God, who art wonderful in Thy works and in Thy doings towards the children of men, and who scourgest every one whom Thou receivest, proving us and trying us as silver is tried; let Thy merciful hands lead me through the fire of afflictions, so that I may not be consumed with the flames of Thy wrath, but that, being sustained by the comforts of Thy Spirit, and refreshed with the dew of Thy blessing, I may at last be brought unto Thy heavenly kingdom. O give me Thy grace, that my heart incline not to wickedness, nor my feet slip; that so, regarding Thy laws, and having respect to Thy commandments, Thou mayest hear my prayers, and by the greatness of Thy power cast down all my enemies, and that I may never cease praising Thee, who hast never turned Thy mercy from me, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR A DEAF PERSON.

O Righteous Lord! mine ears have been too much inclined and delighted to hear things which dishonour Thee, and corrupt myself. And therefore Thou art just in stopping them, because I have misused them. But O remember mercy, and open them again, if it may seem good to Thee. Whilst Thou seest fit to continue this affliction, give me patience

to bear it. O heavenly Father, Thy will be done. I receive my deafness submissively and thankfully, as being sent by Thee, and as daily keeping out much that would either corrupt, or trouble and afflict me; and am content, whilst Thou pleasest, to be deaf to the voice of sinners, till Thou shalt either restore the sense of hearing to me again on earth, or take me hence to hear the heavenly hallelujah of angels and beatified spirits in Thy presence, for the sake of my blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR GOOD USE OF DEAFNESS.

Whilst I remain deaf to the conversation of others, Blessed Father! give me grace to converse more with Thee, and with myself, in calling Thy laws and my own ways to remembrance; and grant that, having lived to hear much before, I may now set myself to meditate on what I have heard formerly, and still have recourse to past instructions, to guide and comfort me. And although the ears of my body are shut to others, yet, Lord! let those of my spirit be always open to Thy voice: give me a watchful heart, that is never deaf to Thy call; and if Thy Spirit do but whisper to me, let mine instantly perceive and obediently attend to Thy suggestion. And deliver me from having my portion among them who, having ears, do not hear, and who neglect and despise Thy holy word.

And, O gracious God, preserve me from being jealous and mistrustful of those who are discoursing

in my company, as if they were discoursing against me, or sporting with mine infirmity. Let not my own evil surmises do either myself or them any hurt. But keep me always unsuspicious towards them, and truly penitent and thankful towards Thee; through Jesus Christ, my blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR A PERSON SUFFERING PAIN.

O God, our refuge and strength, who art a present help in time of trouble; look graciously upon me, I most earnestly beseech Thee; and (if it be Thy blessed will) send me ease and comfort in this time of my distress. Let me never murmur or repine under any affliction Thou seest fit to lay upon me. Give me a meek and quiet spirit, that I may wait with patience and submission, till Thou seest fit to deliver me. Suffer not the extremity of my pains to transport me into any rash or unbecoming expressions, or cause me to entertain hard thoughts of Thy providence; but, whatever evils or sorrows I may feel, let me still love and adore Thee, and believe Thee to be a kind and merciful Father, even whilst Thou art smiting and correcting me.

And, O blessed Lord, that I may be enabled so to do, strengthen me, I beseech Thee, with the consolations of Thy Holy Spirit, lay not more upon me than Thou wilt enable me to bear, and sanctify this affliction to me, that it may produce in me the fruits of a true and sincere repentance.

O Lord, hear me; O Lord, help me, for Thy mercies' sake, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. Amen.

EJACULATIONS WHEN SUFFERING.

O Blessed Lord, who scourgest every son whom Thou receivest, let me not be weary of Thy correction. Give me such a perfect submission to Thee, the Father of Spirits, that this chastisement may be for my profit, and that I may thereby be made a partaker of Thy Holiness.

O Christ, who first sufferedst many and grievous things, and didst then enter into Thy glory, make me to suffer with Thee, that I may also be glorified with Thee.

O Lord God most Holy, O Lord most Mighty, O Holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not, I beseech Thee, into the bitter pains of eternal death.

O Holy Jesus, who art a merciful High-Priest, and touched with a sense of our infirmities; Thou knowest the sharpness of my sickness, and the weakness of my heart. The clouds are gathered about me, and Thou hast covered me with Thy storm. Lord, let Thy mercy support me, let Thy Spirit guide me, that I may endure my sorrows in patience and silence, and with perfect resignation to Thy blessed will. Let me rejoice in the hope of Thy pardon, in the sense of Thy mercies, in the consolations of Thy Spirit, in the victory over all temptations, and in the expectation of Thy everlasting glory. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O Holy Jesus, who didst die for us: by the grievous and intolerable pains, which Thou didst endure for us, have pity upon me, and ease my pains, or increase my patience. Lay no more on me than Thou wilt enable me to bear. I have deserved it all, and infinitely more. But Lord, I am weak and ignorant, timid and unstable. O let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness, and enable me to rejoice in tribulation. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of truth. Come, Holy Spirit, help me in this conflict. Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

ON WANT OF SLEEP.

O righteous Lord, Thou holdest mine eyes waking, and in the night season I take no rest. I seek sleep, to ease my pains, and to recruit my spirits; but I find it not: but, O merciful God, let it not always fly from me; let my wakeful eyes at length be closed, and make my sleep sweet unto me. Consider my weariness, which calls for rest; and my weakness, which needs refreshment. But while Thou keepest me awake, let me commune with my own heart, and search out my spirit; let me remember Thee on my bed, and meditate on Thee in the night-watches: let the consideration of Thy tender mercies be my comfort, till Thy goodness sees fit to give sleep to my eyes, and refreshment to my sorrows, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

O God, who hast told us, that in this world we shall have tribulation, grant that I may endure my present affliction with patience, and cheerfully submit to thy blessed will. And, forasmuch as I suffer no more than the common lot of sinful men, strengthen me, O Lord, in my trials, that no pains or sufferings may ever drive me from Thee; but rather work in me a holy indifference to the world, the mortification of my lusts, and a patient abiding of the cross; so that I may finish my course with joy, and at last rest from my labours and sorrows, with all Thy saints in Thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O most gracious Father, for the sake of Thy beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O merciful Lord! who hast called me to the state of sickness which is a trial of patience, give me grace to exercise it in my sufferings and trials. May no resistance to Thy will spring up in my heart. May no rebellious murmurings rise up on my lips. May I neither from a wavering faith or a failing hope sink under my burdens, nor be driven by the smart of my pains to mistrust Thy love, or doubt Thy promises May I be sensible of my comforts and support, as well as of my sickness and sorrows. May I own all my present sufferings to be far below my deserts, and all my past and present mercies to be infinitely

above them. And make me perfect, O my God! in this patience. Let me tarry Thy leisure, and not be hasty. Let me wait on Thee, and not grow weary, but bear all in comfortable hopes of Thy strength to support my present weakness and of Thy mercy to ease and deliver me at last, either by a more healthful life, or by a happy death, through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR RESIGNATION.

Grant, O God, that I may always accept of the punishment of my sins with resignation to Thy good pleasure. Remember me, O Lord, in the day of my trouble; keep me from all excess of fear, concern, and sadness, and give me an humble and submissive spirit, that I may ever acquiesce in all the methods of Thy grace, and never frustrate the designs of Thy mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER WHEN THERE IS LITTLE HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the hope of the living, and the resurrection from the dead, I resign myself either to life or to death, according to Thy good pleasure. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit; for I know, O Lord, that nothing can perish in Thy keeping. Strengthen my soul with Thy grace against all temptations; let Thy loving-kindness defend it as with a shield against all the assaults of Satan; let the same mercy be my guard and defence which pro-

tected the martyrs, crowning them with victory in the midst of the most horrid torments, and the most cruel deaths. There is no help in me, O Lord, but my trust is in Thy mercies; and I call to mind, to my unspeakable comfort, that Thou wert hungry and thirsty, wearied, scourged, crowned with thorns, mocked, and crucified *for me.* Oh, let that mercy, which made Thee suffer so much, pardon me and save me. Let Thy merits answer for my impieties —let Thy righteousness cover my sins, Thy blood wash away my guilt, and Thy comforts refresh my soul.

As my body grows weaker, let Thy grace be stronger; let not my faith waver, nor my hope fail, nor my charity grow cold, nor my soul be affrighted with the terrors of death; but let the light of Thy countenance be shed upon me, that I sleep not in eternal death. And when my tongue fails, let Thy Spirit teach my heart to pray with strong cryings, and groans unutterable. O let not Satan do me any violence, but may Thy holy mercies, and Thy ministering spirits, defeat his malice, that my soul may triumph for ever in the presence of Thee, O blessed Jesus, my life, my joy, my hope, and my exceeding great reward, who with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest One God world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER COMMENDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS INTO GOD'S HAND.

To Thee, O God of mercy and truth, I commit all my relations and friends [*particularly my, &c.*] To Thy protection I freely resign them. Thou art the Father of the fatherless, and pleadest the cause of the widow. O provide for and defend them; leave them not, nor forsake them, O Lord God of my salvation. Be Thou to them more than I could, if I were still permitted to take care of them. Enable them evermore to love and delight in Thee, and to put their whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy. Keep them from those pollutions of the world by which they would forfeit Thy favour. Train them up in Thy fear, preserve them from all the evils and temptations of this life, and bring them at last to the joys and blessedness of that which is to come, for the sake of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scriptures.

1. IN THE PROSPECT OF DEATH.

It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. (Heb. ix. 27.)

Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. (Gen. iii. 19.)

For we are strangers before thee and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. (1 Chron. xxix. 15.)

Here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. (Heb. xiii. 14.)

Few and evil have the days of the years of my life been, and behold, I am going the way of all the earth. (Gen. xlvii. 9; and Joshua xxiii. 14.)

And as I came forth of my mother's womb, so naked shall I return to go as I came, and shall take nothing of my labour away in my hand. (Eccles. v. 15.)

I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work. (John ix. 4.)

Watch, therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Blessed is that servant whom his Lord when He cometh shall find so doing.

Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. (Luke xii. 42—44.)

2. ON READINESS FOR DEATH.

O DEATH! how bitter is the remembrance of thee to a man that liveth at rest in his possessions, unto the man that hath nothing to vex him, and that hath prosperity in all things.

Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for they rest from their labours, and their works follow them. (Rev. xiv. 13.)

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away. (Rev. xxi. 4.)

3. AGAINST THE FEAR OF DEATH.

THE wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death. (Prov. xiv. 32.)

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me. (Ps. xxiii. 4.)

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver them, who, through fear of death, were all their life-time subject to bondage. (Heb. ii. 14, 15.)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again, unto a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter, i. 3.)

EJACULATIONS TO BE USED BY A DYING PERSON.

Lord, wash my soul in Thy blood, that it may be presented without spot unto Thee. Let me die in Thy favour, rest in peace, and rise again in glory.

In Thee, alone, is my trust: O let me never be confounded.

O Lord God most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

By Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy cross and passion, deliver me, O Christ, both now, in the hour of my death, and in the day of judgment.

Receive me into that place of rest where all tears shall be wiped from my eyes; where there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain; but where I shall for ever behold Thy face, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, have mercy upon me, and receive my soul.

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly; I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Thee. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

(Proper Psalms, xiii. xvi. xxiii. xxxviii. cii.)

II.—PRAYERS TO BE SAID FOR THE SICK BY THE FRIENDS.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only hope in time of need, we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this *child*, here lying under Thy hand, in great weakness of body. Look graciously upon it, O Lord; relieve it, we beseech Thee, from its pains, and pity it in its extremity.

Lord, assist me with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may resign this child to Thee (if Thou shouldest be pleased to take it from me), with an humble and contented mind. But, if Thou shouldest see fit, raise it up again, to grow in years and stature, and in Thy knowledge and fear. But whether it live or die, let it be Thine; and either preserve it to be Thy true and faithful servant here on earth, or take it to the blessedness of Thy children, in the kingdom of heaven, through the merits of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS ADAPTED FROM ANCIENT OFFICES.

O Thou, who art wonderful in Thy ways, and full of compassion to the children of men, our Physician in sickness, our Helper in distress, our Deliverer in danger, who art mighty to save; send down Thy heavenly blessing on this Thy servant, though altogether unworthy to receive it. But Thy property

is always to have mercy. To Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare him then, good Lord. Deliver him from guilt, that he may adore Thy compassion, and glorify Thy power. Defend him from the danger of the enemy, encompass him with Thy protection, assist him with Thy grace, and conduct him in peace and safety to Thy everlasting kingdom, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

[*Or this.*]

O Almighty Lord and heavenly King, who dost correct us, but not give us over unto death; who dost support them that fall, and raise up those who are broken in heart, and order the bodily infirmities of men for their good; who hast compassion upon us, and passest over our iniquities, and takest away our transgressions; who art slow to anger, and ever ready to forgive; hear our prayer, O gracious Lord, for this, Thy servant, who is grieved with sickness and troubled with his sins. Deal not with him according to his iniquities, but pardon his transgressions. Deliver him from Thy wrath, and everlasting damnation, and let his mouth be filled with Thy praise. And grant that, for ever hereafter, all the members of his body, and all the faculties of his mind, may be sanctified and governed by Thy heavenly grace. Send down from above, O Lord, Thy healing virtue, relieve his distemper and assuage

his pain. Raise *him* up from the bed of sickness and infirmity, and grant *him* health and salvation. For Thou art the hope of those that despond, the rest of those who labour and are heavy laden with iniquity, and to Thee, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, we offer up our adoration and praise. Amen.

A PRAYER TO BE USED WHEN THE SICK PERSON IS IN A STATE OF STUPOR.

O MERCIFUL God, let not this deep sleep which is fallen on Thy servant, prove the sleep of death. Make it an occasion of refreshment and strength, to relieve and revive *him;* and awake *him* out of it in Thy due time to offer Thee thanksgiving and praise, and to labour still longer among us in doing Thee honour and service. But if Thou hast determined thereby to take *him* to Thyself, Lord, remember and accept of all *his* former prayers and repentance, *his* patience and faith; look not upon *his* sins but to pardon them; nor on *his* weaknesses, but to pity them; and when *he* wakes in the next world, let *him* find *himself* surrounded with light and bliss, and crowned with eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.—PRAYERS TO BE USED AS THE HOUR OF DEATH APPROACHES.

[*If the sick person be able, he may use this Litany during any part of his sickness. When said by another person, he should repeat the responses.*]

A SOLEMN LITANY ON BEHALF OF THE DYING

PART I.

O God, the Father of heaven, have mercy upon the soul of this Thy servant, keep and defend *him* (*or her*).

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon *him*, save and deliver *him*.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon *him*, strengthen and comfort *him*.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, have mercy upon *him*, have mercy upon *him*.

Forgive, O blessed Lord, Thou lover of mankind, mercifully forgive the sins *he* hath committed, against Thee, by thought, word, or deed.

From Thy wrath and heavy indignation; from the guilt and burden of *his* sins; and the dreadful sentence of the last judgment;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the sting and terror of conscience; from the danger of impatience, distrust, and despair; from the extremity of anguish or agony, that may any way withdraw *his* mind from Thee;

Good Lord, &c.

From the crafts and assaults of the devil, from the gates of hell, and the bitter pains of eternal death;

Good Lord, &c.

By Thy manifold and great mercies; by the manifold and great merits of Jesus Christ; by His agony and bloody sweat; by His strong crying and tears; by His bitter cross and passion; by His glorious and mighty resurrection; by His triumphant ascension; by His never ceasing and effectual intercession for us; and by the graces and consolations of the Holy Ghost;

Good Lord, &c.

For the glory of Thy name; Thy loving mercy; and Thy truth's sake; in this time of *his* utmost extremity; *his* last and greatest need;

Deliver *him*, O Lord.

O let not the Devil prevail against him, but interpose Thy death and passion, Thy mediation and intercession, between Thy judgment and *his* soul, that in the terrors of that day *he* may lift up *his* head with joy, knowing that *his* redemption is at hand.

O holy and most gracious Saviour Jesus, we humbly commend the soul of Thy servant into Thy most merciful hands; accept, O Lord, Thine own creature; forgive, we beseech Thee, whatsoever hath been committed by human frailty. Impute not to *him* the follies of *his* youth, nor the sins of *his* riper years; but strengthen *him* in *his* agony, and give *him* patience or relief; let not *his* faith waver, nor *his* hope fail, nor *his* charity languish. Let Thy

blessed angels stand in ministry about Thy servant, and defend *him* from the violence and malice of *his* ghostly enemies, and drive far from hence all the spirits of darkness. Let *him* die in peace, and rest in hope, and *his* portion be with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; with prophets and apostles, with martyrs and confessors, and all Thy holy saints, in the arms of Thy mercy, and the glories of Thy presence, for ever and ever. Amen.

May our Lord Jesus Christ of His mercy pardon and forgive thee all thy sins, deliver thee from all evils, past, present, and future, preserve thee in the faith and fear of His holy name to thy life's end, and bring thee to His everlasting kingdom, to live with Him for ever and ever. Amen.

PART II.

Preserve, O Lord, the soul of this Thy servant, as Thou didst Noah in the flood; Lot from the fire of Sodom; Job in all his adversities; and the Israelites from the power of Pharaoh.

Preserve *him* from the malice of Satan, as Thou didst David from all his enemies; Daniel from the mouth of the lions; the three children from the fiery flames; and as Thou hast delivered Thy blessed saints and servants from all their terrors and torments. So save and deliver *his* soul, and receive it to Thy mercy.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to remember *him* with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit *him* with Thy salvation.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to deliver *his* soul from the power of the enemy, to be merciful to his infirmities, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds, which by the malice of the devil, or by *his* own frailty, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the lust of the eye, or the pride of life, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the haste of *his* temper, or in the fierceness of *his* wrath, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the vanity of *his* thoughts, or the unruliness of *his* tongue, he hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to make *him* a partaker of all Thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus; to vouchsafe unto *his* soul the estate of happiness and joy, of glory and immortality, with all Thy saints in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to give to this decaying body a glorious resurrection, that together with *his*

soul, it may receive a portion among the blessed children of the Father. Amen.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon this Thy servant.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant *him* Thy peace.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

Have mercy upon *him.*

Lord, have mercy upon *him.*

Christ, have mercy upon *him.*

Lord, have mercy upon *him.*

Our Father, which art, &c.

Let us pray.

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence, and make thee know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom thou mayest receive health and salva tion, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

BENEDICTION.

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee. The Lord bless thee, and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace, both now and evermore. Amen.

A SOLEMN FORM OF COMMENDING THE SOUL INTO THE HANDS OF GOD, AT THE TIME OF ITS DEPARTURE.

[*Use the prayer in the Visitation of the Sick, or this.*]

INTO Thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of this Thy servant, now departing from the body; acknowledge, we meekly beseech Thee, this work of Thine own hands, this sheep of Thine own fold, this lamb of Thine own flock, this sinner of Thine own redeeming. Receive *him* into the blessed arms of Thine unspeakable mercy, into the sacred rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious estate of Thy chosen saints in heaven.

God the Father, who hath created thee, God the Son, who hath redeemed thee, God the Holy Ghost, who hath sanctified thee, be now and evermore thy defence, assist thee in this thy last trial, and bring thee into the way of everlasting life. Amen.

Christ, that redeemed thee with His precious blood, have mercy upon thee, and strengthen thee in this agony of death. Amen.

Christ Jesus, that rose the third day from the dead, raise up thy body again in the resurrection of the just. Amen.

Christ, that ascended into heaven, and now sitteth at the right hand of God, exalt thee to a place in the glory of His kingdom. Amen.

God the Father preserve and keep thee. God the Son help and strengthen thee. God the Holy Ghost assist and defend thee. God the Holy Trinity be ever with thee, that thy death may be precious in the sight of the Lord, with whom thou shalt live for evermore. Amen.

A BENEDICTION TO BE USED BY A CLERGYMAN.

Jesus Christ absolve thee from all thy sins, and receive thee into his heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Depart, O Christian soul, in the name of God the Father who created thee; of God the Son who redeemed Thee; of God the Holy Ghost who sanctified thee: One living and immortal God, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ANOTHER FORM.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace. (Luke ii. 29.)

Into Thy hands, O God, we commend *his* spirit; for Thou hast redeemed it, O Lord, thou God of truth. (Psalm xxxi. 6.)

O deliver *him* from the body of this death. (Rom. vii. 24.)

Say unto *his* soul, I am thy salvation. (Psalm xxxv. 3.)

Guide Thou *him* through the valley of the shadow of death. (Psalm xxiii. 4.)

And to-day, let *him* be with Thee in Paradise. (Luke xxiii. 43.)

Lord Jesus, receive *his* spirit (Acts vii. 59), and open to *him* the gates of everlasting glory. (Ps. xxiv. 7.)

Send Thine angel to meet *him*, and carry *him* into Abraham's bosom. (Luke xvi. 22.)

Place *him* in the habitation of light and peace, of joy and gladness. Receive *him* into the arms of Thy mercy, and give *him* an inheritance with Thy saints in light. (Col. i. 12.)

There to reign with Thy elect angels, Thy blessed saints departed, Thy holy prophets, and glorious apostles, in all joy and felicity, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER TO BE USED AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOUL.

O Almighty and everlasting God, seeing it hath pleased Thee to take this Thy servant out of the miseries of this sinful world, unto Thy heavenly kingdom; let Thy name, O Lord, be blessed both now and evermore. Make us, we beseech Thee, that yet remain, mindful of our mortality, that we may walk before Thee in righteousness and holiness all the days of our life; that when the time of our departure shall come, we may rest in Thee, as our hope is this Thy servant doth; and that with *him*, and all others departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, we may rejoice together in Thy everlasting and glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A WIDOW'S PRAYER.

O ETERNAL God, my most gracious Lord, and merciful Father, Thou hast been my refuge and my hope, my rock and my sanctuary, my guardian and protector all my days. I have offended Thee, and Thou hast smitten and corrected me. O, give me patience under Thy afflicting hand, and a quiet and resigned spirit. Behold, Thy handmaid is but a worm before Thee; and shall dust and ashes repine against God? Thou art just and righteous in all Thy ways, and though Thou hast sorely afflicted me, yet, blessed be Thy holy name, that, in the depth of my afflictions I do not sorrow as those who are without hope, and that though I die I can still put my trust in Thee. But Thou knowest the weakness of my heart, even in the sincerity of my faith. O strengthen me then by Thy grace, and conform me to the image of Thy Son, that, in the fellowship of His sufferings, I may imitate his patience, and that in the severest of my trials I may still glorify Thy name.

By the means of Thy heavy hand I have obtained a new title, O Lord, to Thy especial providence and protection; for Thou art the friend of the friendless, the Helper of the needy, the Father of the fatherless, and the Defender of the widows. O, my Lord, assist me by Thy grace in the performance of all my duties, and though I have hitherto failed in all my relations,

now let my sad state of widowhood be a state of repentance and amendment, of piety and devotion. Let me recollect my years in bitterness, and sorrow for my past transgressions; let me have no affections for the things of this world; but let my hope and my joy, my desire and conversation be in heaven. O preserve Thy servant in the state of widowhood, that I may never have any thought of change, till the day of my great change shall come. Give me grace to preserve the memory of my dear husband; and wholly to employ my time, my means, and all my faculties and powers, [*in bringing up my children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord*] in prayer and fasting, in alms and piety, in reading and meditation, in spiritual and sacramental communion, that when the work of my life is done, I may find pardon and favour at Thy hands, and a portion among Thy saints and servants in Thy heavenly kingdom.

Preserve me from all evil, and lead me into all good; change my sorrows into comforts, and my infirmity into spiritual strength; take all iniquity from me, and let Thy servant never depart from Thee. I am Thine, O save me; I am Thine, sanctify and bless me for ever; that neither life nor death, health nor sickness, prosperity nor adversity, weakness within, nor cross accidents without, may ever separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen, Amen.

[*Where there are Children this may be added.*]

O MY God, preserve my *children* in the strictest love and duty to Thyself; O be Thou *their* Father and Protector, let Thy providence be *their* portion, Thy service *their* employment, Thy angels *their* guards; and so keep *them* by Thy preventing and restraining grace, that *they* may not by *their* own sins provoke Thee to wrath; and let not the sins of *their* forefathers be visited upon *them* in Thy anger and displeasure. Grant that living in holy obedience to Thy commandments, they may be continually refreshed and strengthened by Thy mercy and grace, and after being useful to others, an honour to their family, and a comfort to their friends, they may finally receive Thy everlasting benediction in the kingdom of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Devotions for "Women Labouring of Child."

A PRAYER TO BE USED BEFORE CHILD-BIRTH.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of all mercy and comfort, graciously behold me, Thine humble and unworthy handmaid, that as by Thy good Providence I have conceived a child into which Thou hast breathed a spirit of life, so by Thy continual aid, I may be preserved with it from all perils, and, at the fulness of my time, may safely bring it forth into the world. And when it is born, vouchsafe also that it may be born again in baptism of water and of the Spirit, and brought up in Thy holy religion, till it be finally taken to Thine everlasting kingdom, where, with the Son and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O GOD, who art the Author of our being, the Fountain of life, and of all blessings, spiritual and temporal; be pleased, in Thy great goodness, to perfect and complete that which Thou hast now begun in me, and preserve me from all frights or evil accidents, which may endanger my own life or that of my child. Oh! sanctify it, I beseech Thee, from the womb, and receive it for Thine own, lent to me for my comfort, but created and preserved by Thee for Thy service and glory. Bless it, O God, in mind as well as in body; endue it with an understanding

capable to know Thee, with a heart strongly bent to fear Thee, and with all those holy and good dispositions that may make it precious in Thy sight.

O Lord, I humbly commit both it and myself to Thy mercy and goodness; strengthen me, I beseech Thee, in all my uneasiness and pains, and endue me with patience and submission to Thy will. Give me an humble trust and dependence on Thy fatherly care and good providence, and make me, in Thy good time, the joyful mother of a hopeful child, which may live to be an instrument of Thy glory, and by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in its generation, may finally be received into Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

WHEN THE TIME OF TRAVAIL DRAWETH NIGH.

O BLESSED Lord God, who for the offence of the first woman didst denounce an inevitable curse upon all her posterity, declaring that what was conceived in sin should be brought forth in sorrow, assuage, I beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, the sharpness of that decree, and grant that I may be delivered of the fruit of my body without extremity of pain or peril of death. May it safely be brought to the baptismal font, that being there regenerated and engrafted into the mystical body of Christ, it may be made partaker of His death and passion. And as Thou hast of Thy bounty given life to it and to me; so grant to us both life spiritual and eternal, and so sanctify our

bodies and souls here, that hereafter we may live for ever among Thy blessed saints in the world to come through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EJACULATIONS IN THE TIME OF TRAVAIL.

SAVE, Lord, and hear me, O King of heaven, now that I call upon Thee, in this time of my trouble.

Be not far from me, O Lord; Thou art my succour, haste Thee, to help me. Look upon my adversity and misery, and forgive me all my sins: that I may show the voice of thanksgiving and tell of all Thy wondrous works.

O hide not Thou Thy face from me; nor cast Thy servant away in displeasure. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer, make no long tarrying, O my God, nor suffer me to sink under the burden of my pains.

Oh! be Thou my help in this danger and distress, for without Thee vain is the help of man.

O Lord, let it be Thy pleasure to deliver me; make haste, O Lord, to help me.

A PRAYER TO BE USED BY THE HUSBAND, OR A FRIEND.

O GOD, our refuge and strength, I fly unto Thee for succour, in behalf of Thy servant, now labouring under the pains and anguish of child-birth. Shorten her sorrows, increase her patience, and lay not upon her more than Thou wilt enable her to bear.

O blessed Jesus, who Thyself wast born of a woman, make haste to help her. Be with her in her agony; enable her patiently to bear her pain, and in Thy good time send her ease and deliverance. Bless the endeavours of those who are to assist her; preserve the infant which now struggles for its birth; and (if it be Thy good pleasure) make her speedily a joyful mother of a hopeful child, that may live to be an instrument of Thy glory, and useful in its generation. Amen.

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy cross and passion hast redeemed us, save her and help her, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER DELIVERY.

O Almighty and most merciful Father, in whom I live, and move, and have my being; by Thee I have been preserved ever since I was born, and to Thy infinite goodness I acknowledge it to be owing that I am now alive. I magnify and adore Thee, O Lord, for the many favours which Thou hast bestowed upon me all my life long; and (more particularly), I present myself before Thee at this time, to bless and praise Thy holy name, for Thy late mercies vouchsafed unto me, in delivering me from the great pains and perils of child-birth. It was Thy power that preserved me, Thy goodness that delivered me, and Thy hand that supported me, when pain and sorrow laid hold upon me. Praised, therefore, be that infinite love, which moved Thee to deal so gra-

ciously with Thy servant, and to enable a creature so weak and frail, to go through the sorrow and anguish of travail.

O Lord, give me such a sense of Thy great goodness to me, that I may make it the great study and business of my life to serve and please Thee in all things; that so my returns of duty and obedience may in some measure be answerable to those manifold mercies I have received at Thy hands.

Mortify and subdue in me all sinful and corrupt affections, and whatever may tend to alienate my love from Thee, and grant that I may so pass through things temporal, as finally not to lose the things that are eternal, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

ANOTHER THANKSGIVING.

Gracious God, by whose providence we are all fearfully and wonderfully made, who beholdest us when we are yet imperfect, and in whose book are all our members written; I humbly beseech Thee to accept this my devout acknowledgment of Thy power, and to receive this my most hearty praise and thanksgiving, which I now offer up unto Thy Divine Majesty, for Thy blessed favour and goodness towards me, in vouchsafing to assist me during the time of my travail. Behold, O Lord, what Thine own hands alone have fashioned; and grant that this infant, which Thou hast made by Thy power, may be preserved by Thy goodness, and forthwith enjoy-

ing the benefits of Thy holy baptism, may be made a lively member of Thy church, and be carefully brought up to serve Thee in all godliness and honesty, through the merits of Thy well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE BAPTISM OF THE CHILD.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who wast carried as a child into the temple, by Thy mother, the blessed Virgin Mary,—look graciously upon our infant, whom we humbly design to offer unto Thee this day, and bless *him* with the blessings of an everlasting love. Make *him* who is Thy child by creation, Thine also by adoption into Thy covenant of grace. Admit *him*, O Lord, by holy baptism, into the bosom of Thy church, into the arms of Thy mercy, into a right to the promises, and the communion of saints. Give *him* power to become a son of God, that, being buried with Thee in baptism, *he* may also rise with Thee to righteousness of life. Guard *him* against all the devices and temptations of the devil, and so fill *him* with Thy Spirit, that *he* may have *his* understanding for ever brought into the obedience, *his* affections to the love, and all *his* faculties to the service of Thee, *his* Lord and Master Jesus Christ; and after *he* hath served Thee in *his* generation, grant that *he* may receive *his* part and portion in the glory of Thy kingdom, who, with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

A Penitential Office.

I.—A PRAYER BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION.

HEAR the voice of my humble petition, O Lord, now that I cry unto Thee, and lift up mine hands towards Thy mercy-seat. Behold, Lord, I am about to search into my own heart: but, alas! it is deceitful, and desperately wicked, who can know it? Thou, therefore, who searchest the heart, and triest the reins, discover to me all the evils and deceits of my own, that I may confess, bewail, and forsake them, and obtain mercy. Lord, hear me; Lord, help me, for the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

I am unworthy, O Lord, to take Thy holy name into my mouth, and am ashamed to lift up mine eyes to Thee; for I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, in that I have daily broken my vow and promise made unto Thee in baptism. I am unworthy to be called Thy son, having obeyed the suggestions and done the works of the devil;

Lord, be merciful unto me a miserable sinner.

I have eagerly coveted and pursued the pomps and vanities of this wicked world; and have sought its flattering pleasures, more than the unspeakable glories of the world to come. The pride of life hath ensnared me to seek the praise of men, rather than that of God; and the lust of the eyes hath enticed me to prefer the service of Mammon, to the love and service of my Maker and Redeemer;

God, be merciful to me a sinner.

I have more readily obeyed the sinful lusts of the flesh, than the godly motions of Thy Spirit.

O Lord God, most gracious and reconcileable, have mercy upon me; pity and pardon me, and do away my offences, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER AFTER EXAMINATION.

O Lord God, I have now, by Thy assistance, considered my own evil ways: O Thou, who only knowest the heart, and who only canst change it, create in me such a broken and contrite heart, as Thou hast promised not to despise; and so deep a sense of my own sin and misery, that my repentance may bear some proportion to my guilt. O my God, pardon all my failings, and perfect that good work Thou hast begun in me, for the merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour. Amen.

II.—CONFESSION OF SINS.

O Thou great Judge of heaven and earth, before whose glorious Majesty even the good angels, who never sinned, fall prostrate and tremble; with what debasement and dread ought I to appear before Thy awful Presence, who am but dust and ashes, and a miserable, wretched sinner. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and the way of the wicked is an abomination to Thee. Wo is me, then, O Lord! for I have

inclined unto wickedness with my whole heart; but for the sake of Thy well-beloved Son, cast not out my prayer, nor turn Thy mercy from me.

I was shapen in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me; I have gone astray from the womb, and I have rendered myself still more abominable and odious in Thy sight, by a continual course of wickedness all my days.

Lord, have mercy upon me, cleanse and forgive me. O save me for Thy mercies' sake.

My whole nature is prone to evil; my understanding is full of ignorance and error; my will perverse; my memory tenacious of evil, and forgetful of my duty; my passions are inordinate; my senses the inlets of impurity; and I feel a law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin.

Lord, have mercy upon me, and deliver me from the bondage of sin.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son: I have violated the solemn vow I made to Thee in baptism, by eagerly pursuing the vanities of this wicked world; yielding to the temptations of the Devil; and indulging my own carnal desires and lusts; by a dead faith, and disobedience to Thy holy will and commandments.

I have sinned, O Lord God, I have sinned against Thee, by, &c. (*Here mention particulars.*)

I have committed these sins frequently against the checks of my conscience, &c.

O Lord, pity, cleanse, forgive, and save me, for Thy mercy's sake.

I have sinned, O Lord God, I have sinned against Thee and my neighbours, by, &c.

I have sinned against Thee, and myself in violating the precepts of Thy holy Gospel, &c.

O Lord, pity, cleanse, &c.

A PRAYER FOR PARDON.

O MERCIFUL and gracious God, long-suffering, and of great goodness, incline Thine ear when I cry unto Thee, and hearken unto the voice of my prayer. Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; for Thy name's sake, pardon mine iniquity, for it is great; even for that Name, beside which there is none other given among men whereby we must be saved. Forgive my guilt, blot out my presumptuous sins, and cleanse me from my secret faults. For Thy tender mercies, O Father, for the bleeding wounds of Thy Son, and for the unutterable groans of the Holy Ghost, O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord hearken and do. I recall my sins in the bitterness of my soul, and bewail them in anguish of spirit. Spare me, good Lord, and pardon all that I have done amiss. Thou who hast created me, do not destroy me; Thou who hast redeemed me, do not condemn me. Let Thy unbounded loving-kindness

look down upon my misery; let Thy universal pity look upon my guilt. Weak, I betake me to the Omnipotent: wounded, I fly to the Physician. Heal the maladies of my soul, comfort me on the bed of sickness, support me in the hour of death, and deliver me in the day of Judgment. Grant this, for the sake of my Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

V. Lord, let my prayer come before Thee.

R. And hide not Thy face from me.

Our Father, &c.

PROPER PSALMS. (VI. XXXII. XXXVIII. LI.)

LESSON. (Job vii. 20.)

I HAVE sinned; what shall I do unto Thee, O Thou preserver of men? Why hast Thou set me as a mark against Thee, so that I am a burden to myself?

RESPONSE.

Wo is me, wretched sinner, what shall I do? I have committed evil in the sight of my God: I have offended His Majesty. Whither shall I fly from the justice of my Judge, whither, but unto the mercy of my Saviour? My corrupt nature hath brought forth sin; and sin hath brought forth sorrow. Where shall I seek for pardon? where shall I find relief, but in Thee, my God, my hope and portion in the land of the living? Have mercy upon me, O Lord Christ, have mercy upon me, when Thou comest in glory to judge the world. Amen.

PROPER PSALMS. (CII. CXXX. CXLIII.)

LESSON. (Job xiv. xxv.)

MAN that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble; he cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. And dost Thou open Thine eyes upon such an one, and bringest me into judgment with Thee; seeing his days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee: Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass. Turn from him that he may rest, till he shall accomplish as an hireling his day. O that Thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that Thou wouldest keep me secret until Thy wrath be past, that Thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! For now Thou numberest my steps; dost Thou not watch over my sin? How then can man be justified with God? or how can he be clean that is born of a woman? For His eyes are upon the ways of man, and He seeth all his goings. There is no darkness or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more. That which I see not, teach Thou me; if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

RESPONSE.

WHERE shall I hide me from the face of Thy wrath? where shall I hide me when Thou comest

to judge the living and the dead? I tremble at my own unworthiness; I am afraid thus impure to appear in Thy Presence. I know that my sins (if not repented of) will exclude me from Thy kingdom, where nothing unclean can enter. Wash me yet more, O Lord, from my iniquities, and purge me thoroughly from my sins. Amen.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Christ, &c.

Lord, &c.

V. O that mine eyes were a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for my many sins.

R. And humbly confess my grievous offences.

V. I have sinned against Thee, O God.

R. I have broken the laws of my Maker.

V. I have provoked the wrath of my Judge.

R. What shall I do, O Thou Preserver of men?

V. Spare me, O Lord, for Thy mercy's sake.

R. Spare me, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

V. Pardon, O Lord, my sins of infirmity and wilfulness.

R. Check my unruly passions, that I may turn to Thee with my whole heart;

V. In fasting, weeping, and mourning;

R. That I may bring forth fruits meet for repentance.

Let us pray.

1. O Lord, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins

unto Thee; that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by Thy merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

2. O most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made; who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to Thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us, therefore, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with Thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn Thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with Thee in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

3. Turn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy

mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us; through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and for evermore. Amen.

III.—PENITENTIAL LITANY.

I am not worthy, O Lord, to look up to heaven, where thou art evermore in light and glory, for my sins are more in number than the hairs of my head, and my heart hath failed me.

Lord be merciful to me a sinner.

I have not lived according to Thy will, but in the vanity of my own thoughts, in blindness of heart and in contempt of Thy holy word and commandments; I have not loved Thee, my God, with all my heart, nor feared Thee with all my soul, nor served Thee with all my strength, nor loved my neighbour as myself.

Lord, &c.

I have been unthankful to Thy Divine Majesty, forgetting that Thou madest me, and preservest me; to Thy Son, my blessed Saviour, forgetting the bitter pains He suffered for me; and to the Holy Ghost, forgetting the help and comfort of his grace.

Lord, &c.

I have been negligent in the performance of the duties of my charge, self-indulgent in my life, indevout in my prayers, slothful in the exercises of religion, weary of their length, and displeased at their return.

Lord, &c.

I have been diligent in pleasing my appetite, in meat, and drink, and pleasures, pampering the flesh, quenching the Spirit, making matter for sickness and sin.

Lord, &c.

I have been an improvident steward of Thy gifts; I have loved them inordinately, sought them greedily (and unjustly), dispensed them idly, and parted with them unwillingly. I have not been so charitable to the poor, or so pitiful to the afflicted, or so compassionate to the sick, or so ready to supply the wants of my neighbours as I ought, and have set my affections on earthly, rather than heavenly things.

Lord, &c.

My eyes, O Lord, have wandered after vanity, despising my neighbours, and prying into their faults, but have been blind to my own.

Lord, &c.

I have not kept the door of my lips, nor bridled my tongue; but have spoken rashly of others, aggravating their failings, or lessening their worth.

Lord, &c.

I have offended Thee by impure and unclean

thoughts, and have made myself guilty of the sins of others, by approving and encouraging their evil actions.

Lord, &c.

I have broken my vows and purposes of obedience; I have been inconstant to all good, revengeful of injuries, forgetful of benefits, seeking my own ends, and regardless of my duty to Thee and my neighbours.

Lord, &c.

PRAYER FOR PARDON.

Son of David, blessed Redeemer, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me; O Jesus, be a Saviour unto me: Thou that sparedst Thy servant Peter that denied Thee thrice; forgavest the woman taken in adultery; and didst bear the penitent thief from the cross to the joys of Paradise,

Have mercy upon me.

I acknowledge, O Lord, that I am vile, but yet redeemed with Thy precious blood; I am blind, but Thou art the Light of the world; I am weak, but Thou art my Rock, and my strength, once dead by nature in trespasses and sins, but now quickened by Thee who art the Resurrection and the Life.

Cast me not away then, in Thine anger, whom Thou camest to seek and to save.

Behold, I am in Thy hands; grant that I may so

lament and bewail my sins, that in the hour of my death I may find mercy, and in the day of judgment be freed from the terrors of Thy wrath, and that beholding thy face in serenity and joy, I may be set at Thy right hand with all thy saints and angels to sing an eternal hallelujah to the honour of Thy name. Amen. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Eternal God, grant unto all faithful people pardon and peace,—to the Church unity and concord,—to sinners repentance unto life,—perseverance to Thy saints,—and to all Thy creatures glory, honour, and eternal life, through Thine own prevailing and all-sufficient merits, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

Office preparatory to the Holy Communion.

A LITANY FOR REPENTANCE, PARDON, AND GRACE.

O God the Father, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should repent and live, grant me a due sense of all my sins, and then forgive and pity me.

O Thou, that wouldest have all men come to the knowledge of the truth, and be saved, cast me not away from Thee, but reclaim me from my errors.

O Thou, who didst so love the world, that Thou gavest Thy only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,

Have mercy upon me, a miserable sinner.

O Thou, that despisest not a broken and contrite heart, and whose will and power nothing can resist create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Say unto my soul, I will, be thou clean; and it shall be unto Thy servant according to Thy word.

O blessed Jesus, who didst die that repentance and remission of sins should be preached to all the world in Thy name; make my repentance such as Thou wilt accept, and let Thy merits render it effectual to the forgiveness of my sins.

O Thou, who didst taste death for every man, and lay down Thy life for those who were dead in Adam, quicken me by Thy grace, and have mercy upon me.

O Thou, who hast bidden such as are weary and heavy laden to come unto Thee, and promised that they should find rest for their souls; look down upon me in the bitterness and anguish of my spirit, and have mercy upon me.

O holy and ever-blessed Spirit, whose mercy and favour can soften and sanctify the hardest heart, whose holy aids are sufficient to help our infirmities, and whose fruits are repentance, and peace, and joy; direct and assist me in my doubts and temptations, and keep me in Thy paths.

O Thou, who leadest the ignorant to the truth, sinners to repentance and righteousness, and art the Comforter of those who mourn; open my eyes to see the error of my ways, and my heart to hate and forsake them, and let Thy grace and comfort guide me in all my difficulties, and support me in all my trials.

O Thou, who knowest the dangers that encompass, and the temptations that beset and most easily prevail against me; be Thou my guide and my guard, and never leave me nor forsake me; but from the treachery of my own heart, the wiles of the devil, and from melancholy and despair,

Good Lord, deliver me.

O gracious God, give me not up to myself, nor withdraw Thy presence from me; but assist and accept my prayers and my repentance, hear Thy Son who maketh intercession for me, let His blood atone

for my sins, and by His stripes let my soul be healed. Thou knowest the deceitfulness of my heart, the weakness of my best resolutions, and the force of temptation, in the unstableness of my faith, and the corruption of my nature. O, stablish and strengthen me with Thy free Spirit, and so change and consecrate my affections, that they may never more misguide and betray me. Hear my prayers, forgive my sins, accept my sorrows, strengthen my resolutions, and grant me repentance to life eternal, for the sake of my Advocate and Redeemer Jesus Christ. Amen.

I THANK Thee, O heavenly Father, for the gracious opportunity of renewing my baptismal vows, which I have hitherto so imperfectly observed, in the Supper of the Lord; and by Thy help, will keep them inviolate all the days of my life.

O my God, I dedicate to Thee this day, my faculties and powers, my affections and passions, my thoughts and designs, all that I am and all that I have, entirely to Thy service. Lord, sanctify me wholly, in spirit, soul, and body, that I may become a temple fit for Thy presence, and that Thou mayest dwell in me, and be my God. O perfect Thy strength in my weakness; let Thy Holy Spirit purify my corrupt nature, succour me in all temptations and assist me in all my duties. Give me that victorious faith which overcometh the world; and let Thy grace always preserve me. To Thy keeping I commit my soul; O cover Thou me in the day of battle against

my spiritual enemies, and so conform my whole life to the example of my blessed Saviour, that at the dreadful day of judgment I may find mercy through His merits, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, blessed for ever. Amen.

ACTS OF FAITH IN CHRIST WITH A THANKFUL REMEMBRANCE OF HIS DEATH.

I STEADFASTLY believe in Thee, O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world; in Thy all-sufficient merits alone I trust for the remission of my sins; through the blood of Thy cross I hope for peace with God, strength against the powers of darkness, grace to help in time of need, the communion of Thy Spirit here, and everlasting bliss hereafter. In Thine infinite mercy is my hope; in Thy name is my help; and I will not fear what the devil or man worketh against me. Amen.

O MY crucified Saviour, I commemorate and adore the triumphs of Thy almighty love, in taking on Thee for our salvation the form of a servant, and in enduring for our sakes, the scoffs, the reproaches, and contradiction of sinners. By Thy stripes we are healed; by Thy death we are reconciled unto God; and Thy crown of thorns hath purchased for us a crown of glory. O the depths of the riches of Thy wisdom and goodness! How unutterable is Thy mercy, how unsearchable Thy love!

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O GRACIOUS Lord, my heart is full of the sense of Thy love, in laying down Thy life for our sakes; and what have I to return to Thee, but love? It is all that I have to offer Thee; accept it, Lord, imperfect as it is, and daily heighten the sense of Thy love to me. And, O translate me to Thy kingdom of glory, in Thy own good time, that there I may love Thee to the utmost capacity of the spirits of just men made perfect, and praise Thee to all eternity. Amen, Lord Jesus, Amen.

O HOLY Jesus, I beseech Thee by that most precious blood, which Thou wert content to shed upon the cross for our salvation, grant me, at all times, the grace of a truly devout and contrite heart; but, more especially, when I prostrate myself before Thy altar, and receive that heavenly sacrament, which Thou hast instituted as a pledge of Thy love, and for a continual remembrance of Thy death, to our great and endless comfort.

While I attend upon these holy mysteries, let my heart be moved, and my faith confirmed with the communications of Thy love and the joys of Thy presence.

Thou art the sum and end of all my desires. O do Thou take possession of my whole heart, preside over every faculty, direct my understanding, exalt my affections, and quench the thirst of my

longing soul with those rivers of pleasure which flow at Thy right hand for evermore. Let every fleshly and turbulent desire be awed into silence; and all vain and worldly imaginations flee from before Thee. Let the soul itself stand mute, and be engaged in the contemplation of Thee alone. Thou, O God, art my hope and my trust; and though the vileness of my own condition, and the faults and frailties of my life, might shut me out from any hope that so great and holy a being should admit so polluted a wretch into communion with Him; yet, as the Word hath condescended to dwell in our flesh, and unite His divine to our human nature, I look up with confidence to that powerful Intercessor at Thy right hand, and humbly trust that I shall one day be exalted to the same blessed place, where flesh and blood already sit triumphant. To whom be honour and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, for ever and ever. Amen.

ASPIRATIONS AFTER FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

O God the Father, have mercy upon me, and grant me a lively faith, I beseech Thee, through the merits of my Saviour.

O God the Son, have mercy upon me, and confirm my hope, I beseech Thee, through Thy most precious death.

O God the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me, and fill my soul with that ardent charity without which, whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee.

A PRAYER.

Behold, I stand before Thee, poor and naked, imploring help, and crying for mercy. Refresh, O Lord, Thy servant, with the comforts of Thy grace, inflame my coldness with the fire of Thy love, enlighten my blindness with the brightness of Thy Presence. Conform me unto the image of Thy Son, and bring me into the closest communion with Thy Spirit, that, being united to Thee on earth, I may reign with Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A LITANY FOR THOSE ABOUT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION.

O God the Father, who gavest Thy Son to die, that we might not perish, but have everlasting life, have mercy upon us, and fit us for the devout celebration and thankful remembrance of his precious death.

O God the Son, who didst lay down Thy life for sinners, have mercy upon us and make us meet for Thy mystical presence here, and to sit down and sup with Thee in Thy heavenly kingdom.

O God the Holy Ghost, whose fruits are peace, holiness, and love, have mercy upon us, and sanctify and bless us, in body and soul.

O blessed Jesus, the Living Bread, who descendedst from heaven to give life unto the world; who bestowest Thyself upon us, at Thy death for our

ransom, at Thy table for our spiritual food, and finally, in Thy kingdom for our everlasting reward;

Have mercy upon us.

O Thou, who before Thy departure from the world, left us in the Eucharist a lasting memorial of Thy love, whose flesh and blood whosoever eateth and drinketh hath eternal life, who thus dwelleth in Thee, and Thou in Him, and who shall be raised at the last day;

Have mercy, &c.

O Thou Paschal Lamb, eaten by faith in remembrance of our deliverance from the bondage of Satan; Heavenly Manna refreshing us in the wilderness of this world whilst travelling towards the heavenly Canaan;

Have mercy, &c.

From the sad effects of our fallen nature; from secret faults and presumptuous sins, and the punishment they deserve;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the breach of our baptismal engagements and all our promises and vows; from the deceits of our own heart, the power of our lusts, and the prevalence of temptation;

Good Lord, deliver us.

From receiving this holy sacrament unworthily, and to our condemnation; from all neglect in coming to Thy holy table, and from all profaneness and irreverence whilst waiting upon Thee;

Good Lord, &c.

Give us, O God, such a due sense of the infinite love and sufferings of Thy Son, and of the merits of His death and passion, that we may, with all thankfulness, commemorate the same in this blessed sacrament of His body and blood, and that our faith may be strengthened, our hope confirmed, and our charity enlarged;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That through true repentance and a lively faith, we may be brought to a more devout participation thereof, so that as the hart panteth after the water-brooks, our souls may thirst after Thee;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may offer up ourselves a living, holy, acceptable sacrifice to Thee our God, and continue in Thy faith and fear unto our lives' end, and at length behold Thee, O Saviour, with open face, in everlasting glory;

We beseech Thee, &c.

O God, the Father Almighty, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, Son of the Father, have mercy upon us and save us.

A PRAYER FOR THE BENEFITS OF CHRIST'S PASSION.

O BLESSED Jesus, let all my sins be done away through Thy sufferings. Let my distempers be healed by Thy stripes. Let my punishment be cancelled by Thy cross. Let Thy pains deliver me

from the pains of hell; and Thy labours procure my rest with the saints in heaven. Let thy captivity be my redemption, Thy humiliation my exaltation, Thy cross my crown, and Thy death, life for evermore. And grant, O Lord, that with a pure and contrite heart and sanctified lips, I may come boldly before Thy throne, and conclude my petitions in Thy own most comprehensive prayer, saying,

Our Father, &c. Amen.

II.—A PRAYER FOR ALL WHO ARE ABOUT TO COMMUNICATE.

O God, who hast so loved us, and given us the adoption of sons, as that we should be called the sons of God, and heirs, joint-heirs with Christ; incline Thine ear, O Lord, and hear us, and purify us, even as Thine only-begotten Son is pure. Let fornication, and all unclean thoughts, be far from us, in the name of Him, who was born of a virgin. Let pride and high-mindedness be driven away by Him who humbled Himself for our sakes, even unto the death of the cross. Let cowardice be put to shame by Him who suffered in the flesh, and meekly triumphed over all the taunts and revilings of his enemies. Let vain-glory be mortified by Him who was beaten and scourged, and turned not away His face from them who despitefully spit upon him. Let the Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the

world, take from us all envy, hatred, and strife. Let anger and wrath be removed from us by Him who, at his crucifixion, blotted out the hand-writing that was against us, and reconciled us unto God. Take from us all earthly thoughts through Him who has promised to draw us unto Himself, that being pure and heavenly, in our frame of mind, we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and being thoroughly sanctified here in body, soul, and spirit, we may hereafter praise and glorify Thee eternally, in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DEVOTIONS AT THE TIME OF COMMUNICATING.

[*Let the following be repeated while the priest is preparing.*]

Let all corruptible flesh be silent, and stand with fear and trembling, and think within itself nothing that is earthly, nothing that is unholy. The King of kings and Lord of lords, comes down from heaven unto us, and gives Himself to be meat for the souls of all faithful people. The glorious company of angels behold with wonder, O God, the love and condescension of Thine adorable, true, and only Son. Thrones and dominions, the cherubims with many eyes, and the seraphims with many wings, cover their faces before the majesty of His glory, and sing perpetually, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace; good-will towards men.

[*At the Consecration, say :*]

O BLESSED Jesus, in the bread broken I behold, with *the eye of faith*, Thy Body torn with whips, and thorns, and nails; and in the wine poured out, Thy precious Blood shed for my sins. Glory be to Thee, O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world.

[*Whilst others are communicating.*]

BY Thy crucified body, O Christ, deliver us from this body of sin and death; and by Thy life-giving blood purge our consciences from dead works, to serve Thee, the living God.

Grant, O Lord my God, that we may (all) so receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, as to obtain the remission of our sins, and to be replenished with Thy Holy Spirit, who livest and reignest, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, One God, blessed for ever. Amen.

[*When the Priest approaches.*]

THIS is Thy Body, O blessed Saviour, and this is Thy blood. Thine was the smart, but ours the ease; Thine were the sufferings, but ours the mercy; Thine the stripes, but ours the balm; Thine the thorns, but ours the crown. O complete Thy mercy to us. Come, Holy Jesus, come and take possession of our souls; purify them with Thy precious Body and Blood; cleanse them from all filthiness of flesh and spirit; that being fitted for Thy habitation, it may please Thee to abide with us for ever.

[*After receiving the consecrated bread.*]

May this bread so strengthen and refresh me, as to enable me to overcome all the assaults of the Devil, the world, and the flesh, and to continue Thy faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end.

[*After the cup.*]

May this precious Blood be both the purification and nourishment of my soul, the seal of my pardon and peace with God, and the pledge of my inheritance in heaven.

[*After both.*]

Grant, Holy Jesus, that as I have now received in faith Thy precious Body and Blood, veiled under the species of bread and wine, I may hereafter behold Thy blessed face unveiled in heaven, and sit down with Thy holy angels and saints in the mansions of bliss; where there is fulness of joy and pleasure for evermore.

THANKSGIVING.

What thanks, gracious Lord, can I render Thee, for these wonders of Thy love to me, a wretched sinner? O blessed Saviour, inflame my devotion that I may fervently praise Thee: enlarge my soul that I may worthily love Thee.

Rejoice in the Lord, O my soul; for of Him cometh my salvation. Glory be to Thee, for the

blessed opportunity of receiving this holy Sacrament; O grant that I may never more pollute the temple which Thou the God of purity hast consecrated by Thy presence. Pardon O gracious Lord, all my failings, accept my praises and prayers, and supply all my wants, which I now sum up in Thy own most blessed words—

Our Father, &c.

AN ACT OF PRAISE TO BE SAID BY ALL PRESENT

Glory be to the Father of mercies; the Father of men and angels; the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Glory be to the most holy and eternal Son of God; the blessed Saviour and Redeemer of the world; the Advocate of sinners; the Prince of peace; the Head of the Church; and the Deliverer of all that call upon Thee.

Glory be to Thee, the holy and eternal Spirit of God, that searchest all things, the Lord and Giver of life, the Comforter and Sanctifier of the faithful.

All glory and honour, all love and obedience, be to the blessed and undivided Trinity: for ever and ever. Amen.

It is meet and right, to praise and to glorify, to worship and adore, to bless and to magnify Thee, the Maker of all creatures, visible and invisible; the treasure of all good, temporal and eternal; the fountain of all life, mortal and immortal; the Lord of all things in heaven and earth. The heavens, and the

heaven of heavens, and every power therein; the earth and the sea, the heights above and the depths below; Jerusalem that is from above, the church of the first-born written in heaven, the spirits of the prophets and of just men made perfect, the souls of Apostles and all holy martyrs, angels and archangels, thrones and dominions, principalities and powers, the spirits of understanding, and the spirits of love, with never ceasing hymns, and perpetual anthems, cry out, and say,—Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Thy glory, hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest!

The heavens declare Thy glory; the earth confesses Thy providence; the sea manifests Thy power; and every creature celebrates Thy greatness for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS

FOR THE

SICK AND AFFLICTED.

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Prayers for the Sick and Afflicted.

HEAR my crying, O God; give ear unto my prayer.

From the ends of the earth will I call upon Thee, when my heart is in heaviness.

The Lord will be a defence for the oppressed, even a refuge in due time of trouble.

And they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee: for Thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek Thee.

I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

Comfort the soul of thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious, and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer, and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

Remember me, O Lord, according to the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people; O visit me with Thy salvation:

That I may see the felicity of Thy chosen, and rejoice in the gladness of Thy people, and give thanks with Thine inheritance.

The Lord delivereth the souls of His servants: and all they that put their trust in Him shall not be destitute.

A GENERAL PRAYER FOR THE SICK.

O Almighty God and merciful Father, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humble ourselves before Thee with the deepest reverence, acknowledging that even in Thy severest dispensations Thou hast kind intentions and gracious designs towards us. Visit and behold this Thy servant, upon whom Thou hast laid Thine afflicting hand. Sanctify, we beseech Thee, Thy fatherly correction to him, and grant that he may receive it with meekness, and bear it with patience. Suffer him not, O Lord, to murmur and repine, either at the length or severity of his trials, but let all Thy visitations be so blessed to him by the aid and comfort of thy Holy Spirit, as to be the means of weaning him from the world, of bringing him nearer to Thyself, and of purifying his soul from all the dross and defilement which it may have contracted in this sinful life. We know, O Father, that Thou dost not willingly afflict and grieve the children of men, and that Thou of Thy goodness hast caused Thy servant to be troubled. O grant him such a measure of grace,

as may enable him cheerfully to submit his will to Thine. And if, in the days of health and happiness, he hath at any time forgotten Thee, and turned aside unto vanity and folly; O merciful Father, let not his past faults provoke Thee to turn away Thy face from him, now that he flies unto Thee in the time of his trouble. Shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure, but for the merits and intercession of Thy dear Son, pardon all his sins, and restore him to Thy love and favour. O Lord, support him under all his pains and infirmities. Strengthen his faith, enliven his hopes, increase his charity, and perfect his repentance. Make Thou his bed in his sickness, and lay not more upon him than Thou wilt enable him to bear. Give Thy blessing to the means which may be used for his recovery, that if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore him to his former health, he may lead the residue of his life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. But if Thou hast otherwise determined, grant that the more the outward man decayeth, so much the more the inner man may be strengthened and renewed by Thy Holy Spirit; and give him grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, he may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through the merits and mediation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire; hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servant; for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, Thy tender mercies, and Thy loving-kindnesses, which have been ever of old.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth; but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O Lord, for Thy goodness.

Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name: let Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth alway preserve me.

Thou art my Helper and Redeemer; make no long tarrying, O my God.

I will hearken what the Lord God will say concerning me; for He shall speak peace unto His people and to His saints, that they turn not again.

For His salvation is nigh them that fear Him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Thou hast forgiven the offence of Thy people, and covered all their sins.

Thou hast taken away all Thy displeasure, and turned Thyself from Thy wrathful indignation.

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord; His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnify His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me: yea, He delivered me out of all my fear.

A PENITENTIAL PRAYER.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon Thy servant the abundance of Thy mercy, forgiving him those things whereof his conscience is afraid, and giving him those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord.

Impute not unto him, O Lord, the follies of his youth, nor any of the errors and miscarriages of his life. Lay not to his charge what in the lust of the flesh, or in the pride of life, he hath committed against Thee. Lay not to his charge what in the suddenness of his wrath, or in vain and idle words, he hath committed against Thee. Remember not his offences, but spare him, good Lord; spare Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood, and be not angry with him for ever. Deliver him from the guilt and burden of his sins, from the sting and terrors of conscience, from impatience, distrust, or despair. O Lord God, may it please Thee to remember him with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy people, and to visit him with Thy salvation. Make him a partaker of all Thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus, and refresh him with the peace and consolations of Thy Holy Spirit. Bless, O Lord, the means which may be used for his

recovery, and deliver him in Thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, that if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong his days here upon earth, he may live to Thee and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully and doing good in his generation; or if in Thine infinite wisdom Thou shouldest otherwise order it, support him in patience and submission to Thy will, send him seasonable relief in his sufferings, visit him with comforts from above, and finally receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Father, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, One God, world without end. Amen.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him;

Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which He set before us, by his servants the prophets.

He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

For Christ hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.

Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.

Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

FOR ONE WHO IS WEAK IN FAITH.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy afflicted servant, and humbly beg that Thy mercy may descend upon his body and his soul. We come unto Thee in the name and merits of our Saviour, praying Thee to pardon the sins of Thy servant, to wash them away in the blood of Thy Son, and to bury them in the grave of Him that died for us, that they may never rise up in judgment against him, nor bring him in the day of trial to shame and confusion of face.

Give Thy servant, O Lord, patience under his sorrows, and comfort in his long and wearisome sickness. Thou knowest all his necessities and infirmities, the weakness of his faith, the errors of his understanding, and his great need of a livelier hope,

a firmer trust, and a fuller assurance of the truths and promises of Thy holy Gospel. O strengthen his faith, enliven his hope, dispel from his mind all gloominess and doubts, refresh him with the light and comfort of Thy holy Spirit, and fill him with joy and peace in believing. Lift up his spirit above his frail and perishing body. Give him, if it be Thy blessed will, a glimpse and foretaste of those things which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee. And grant, that his sins being pardoned and the sting of death plucked out, he may be ready for his departure whenever Thou shalt be pleased to call him hence; that he may look at the grave as the gate of immortality, and the introduction to that holy, happy, and unchangeable state, where in Thy presence there is the fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. All which we ask, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

And Thou hast removed my soul far off from peace: I forgat prosperity.

And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the Lord:

Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.

My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

The Lord will not cast off for ever:

But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.

For He doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

My help standeth in the name of the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth.

Show the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant and I shall be safe.

Do well, O Lord, to them that are true of heart, and evermore mightily defend them.

Show me Thy ways, O Lord, and teach me Thy paths.

Lead me forth in Thy truth, and learn me, for Thou art the God of my salvation.

FOR ONE WHO IS TROUBLED WITH DIFFICULTIES AND DOUBTS.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies, and the God of all consolation, we beseech Thee to look down in pity and compassion upon this Thy afflicted servant. In the multitude of the sorrows that he hath in his heart, let Thy comforts refresh his soul. Settle and calm the discomposure of his thoughts. Speak peace to his troubled mind. Fill him with confidence and joy in the sense of Thy pardon and love. And as Thou hast given Thy holy word for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scrip-

tures might have hope; shed upon him the bright beams of Thy heavenly light, that he may clearly see the wonders of Thy law and the riches of Thy grace; that he may realize the truths and promises of Thy gospel, and all darkness and doubt be chased away. Let this trial of him, O Lord, which has already had the gracious effect of making him more sensible of his guilt, and anxious for Thy favour, be still more sanctified and blessed to him; till at length rising to higher degrees of faith and holiness, he may, through the blood of Thy Son, be cleansed from all his sins, and presented pure and without spot before thee. And now that all other enjoyments fail him, represent thyself more effectually to him, as the only ground of his hope and rock of his salvation. Revive and support him with the consolations of Thy Spirit. Fix his mind steadfastly on our great Redeemer, who has led the way through the grave to heaven, that he may not be terrified at the approach of death, but looking beyond it to that high and holy place whither our Lord has gone before us, he may rejoice in the hope of eternal glory. Let this blessed prospect make him patient and resigned in his present sufferings, sustain him in his agony, and carry him safely through the last distress. Let not his faith waver, nor his hope fail; but grant that whenever Thou art pleased to take him hence, he may die in peace and rise in glory. All which we ask, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our Advocate and Redeemer. Amen.

Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? are not his days also like the days of a hireling?

As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

So am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro, until the dawning of the day.

When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint;

Then Thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions.

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved; for Thou art my praise.

But though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him;

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation.

No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen,

but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

FOR ONE WHO IS DANGEROUSLY ILL.

O Lord our God, we come unto Thee in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying in great weakness of body under Thy chastening hand. Look down upon him, we beseech Thee, in pity. We know, O Lord, that if Thou wilt Thou canst even yet raise him up, and heal all his infirmities. In submission to Thy will, we beg this mercy at Thy hands. Spare him, good Lord, and restore him to health. Comfort our hearts by granting him a longer continuance among us. But however Thou shalt be pleased to deal with him, yet, Lord, let his soul be ever precious in Thy sight. Give him repentance towards Thee, and a lively and triumphant faith in Jesus Christ. Wash his soul with the blood of Thy Son, and adorn it with the graces of Thy Spirit, that it may be cleansed from all its defilements, and in the great day be presented pure and without spot before Thee. Fit him for whatever in Thy wise Providence thou hast appointed, that it may be unto him Christ to live, and gain to die, and that in all things he may find cause to glorify Thy name. If Thou shouldest be graciously pleased to raise him from his bed of languishing, grant that he may lead the residue of his life in Thy fear and to Thy glory. Or if Thou hast otherwise

determined, prepare him for the hour of his departure. Support him in his last agonies. Defend him from the danger of his enemies. And finish all that is wanting in the work of his salvation. Make his last end easy and peaceful, and his hope full of immortality. And finally receive him into the arms of Thy unspeakable mercy, and into the glorious estate of Thy chosen saints in heaven. All which we ask, in the name and through the mediation of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER IN THE HOUR OF DEATH.

O GRACIOUS God, who didst send Thine only begotten Son into the world, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life; look with pity and compassion upon this Thy servant, for whom our Saviour shed his blood. Now, O God, the time hath come, in which he is to close his work on earth, and to be consigned over to the righteous Judgment of the last day, in which Thou wilt render to every man according to his deeds. O look not upon his offences and sins, but upon the righteousness of Christ, in whom he hath steadfastly believed. Let him receive the fruit of all his labours, a blessed return of all his prayers, and the effect of all the sufferings of Thy holy Son Jesus. Now let him find the end of his hopes; patience in tribulation, peace amidst the agitation and distress of all around him, and Joy unspeakable and full of glory. Now

let him feel, O blessed Saviour, the effect of Thy mighty power and glorious victory over sin and death. Let him realize that faith is the substance of things hoped for; let all the promises of the gospel pass into actual manifestations of Thy loving kindness to him; let the cheering visitations of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, lighten his sadness, chase away the darkness and gloom of the valley of the shadow of death, and give him a foretaste of those unutterable Joys which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee; through Thine own prevailing merits, O holy Jesus, who with the Father and the Spirit ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER IN THE LAST AGONY.

O MOST blessed and gracious Saviour, into Thy hands we commend the soul of this Thy servant, praying Thee to defend it from all evil; from the wrath of God which it hath deserved, from the spirits of darkness which are seeking to devour it, and from the bitter pains of eternal death.

Let Thy holy angels receive it when the earthly house of this tabernacle is dissolved, and carry it to the region of the blest; there to await with longing and Joy, with faith and hope for its perfect consummation and bliss at the resurrection of the Just.

O Holy Jesus, say unto this soul, This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise; say unto this soul, Fear not, for it is my Father's pleasure to give thee a king-

dom; let it pass through the valley of the shadow of death with resignation and peace, to the general assembly and Church of the first-born, to the spirits of Just men made perfect, to the presence of God the Judge of all, and of Thee, O Jesus, the mediator of the Covenant, by whose blood we were redeemed.

Give unto this decaying dying body a glorious resurrection; to this weary and afflicted spirit, rest from its labours; to this penitent and ransomed sinner, the assurance of Thy favour, while life is spared, and an everlasting inheritance among Thy saints in light.

Remember, O God, the good things which by the aids of Thy grace Thy servant hath done; and remember not his evil deeds which by the weakness of the flesh and the temptations of the devil he hath committed against Thee, and by which his soul is humbled in thy sight. Remember that Thy dear and only Son did die for his sins, and that Thy Holy Spirit was the source and spring of his virtues and graces; and for whom Thou hast given Thy Son, and to whom Thou hast given Thy Spirit, give Thy eternal pardon and Thy eternal glories, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, in the hour of his need; most humbly be-

seeching Thee to support and strengthen him in this last conflict of his life. Deliver him from the snares and terrors of the wicked one, and sustain him in his agonies with the peace and comfort of a good conscience, and the soothing conviction of Thy pardon and love. As Thou bringest him nearer to Thyself, so let him long more ardently for Thy presence. And may it please Thee, in Thine infinite mercy, to afford him some foretaste of future bliss, that he may triumph even in death itself. O glorious day! which shall bring us to the full enjoyment of our Saviour and our God; when this veil of flesh shall be done away, and spiritual Joy, unalterable peace, purity, holiness, and love, shall for ever abound. Blessed be Thy name, most gracious Lord, who hast opened an entrance into such bliss for returning sinners, and ordained such a recompense for our unworthy labours. And though Thy servant must needs pass through the valley of the shadow of death to come to those seats of light and joy, suffer him not to faint under the terrors and struggles of nature; but increase his trust, enliven his hope, and animate him in the combat for the crown of glory, which Thou hast promised to all who love and fear Thee. Suffer not his faith to be shaken, nor Thy loving kindness to fail, and however Thou dealest with him while in this corruptible body, let his soul, we beseech Thee, be ever precious in Thy sight. Wash it in the blood of that immaculate Lamb who was slain for the sins of the world, that all its pollutions being

purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee, and finally be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, through the merits and mediation of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The wicked is driven away in his wickedness, but the righteous hath hope in his death.

Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness, before the face of those who made no account of his labours.

When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and amazed at the strangeness of his salvation.

We fools accounted his life madness, and his end to be without honour.

How is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot is among the saints!

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

* "The sinner, in the season of health, looks upon futurity with a tranquil eye; but in the last moments of his life, when he contemplates it more closely, his calmness is changed into faintness and terror. The just man, on the contrary, during the days of his mortal life, did not dare to look with a fixed eye upon the depth of God's judgments. He worked out his salvation with fear and trembling. He shuddered at the

* Massillon—Sur la Mort du Pecheur et la Mort du Juste. Avent. 77—81.

bare thought of that awful futurity in which even the righteous, if they were judged without mercy, could scarcely be saved. But on the bed of death, the God of peace is present with him, and calms his agitation. His terrors instantaneously cease, and are changed into a delightful hope. He already pierces with expiring eyes through the cloud of mortality which surrounds him, and beholds like Stephen the bosom of glory, and the Son of man at the right hand of His Father, ready to receive him; that immortal country after which he had so long sighed, and where in spirit he had always dwelt; that holy Sion which the God of his fathers fills with His glory and His presence; where He overwhelms His chosen servants with the torrent of His pleasures, and daily imparts to them those incomprehensible blessings which He hath prepared for them who love Him; that city of the people of God, the abode of His saints, the dwelling-place of prophets and just men made perfect; where he will once more find his brethren whom charity had united to him on earth, and with whom he will eternally bless the mercies of the Lord, and sing the praises of his grace.

With what joy, then, does he listen to the ministers of the Church, when they announce unto him that his hour is come, and eternity is at hand; when they say unto him in the name of the Church which sends them: Depart, Christian soul, *Proficiscere, anima Christiana*, Go forth from this land where you have so long been a stranger and a captive: the time of

your tribulations and trials is ended. Behold at length the righteous Judge, who comes to break the chains which bind you to mortality. Return to the bosom of that God from which you sprung. Quit at length a world which is not worthy of you: *Proficiscere, anima Christiana.* The Lord has suffered Himself at last to be moved by your tears, he comes to open to you the way of the saints, and the gates of everlasting life. Depart, faithful servant of the Lord, you are about to be united to the Church of Heaven, which awaits your coming.

Those do not perish who sleep in the Lord. We lose you on earth, only to find you again in a very short time, with Jesus Christ in the kingdom of His saints; the body which is about to be delivered as a prey to rottenness and worms, will soon follow you in incorruption and glory; not a hair of your head shall perish; there will remain in your ashes the seeds of immortality, until the day of revelation, when your dry bones will be re-animated and appear brighter than light. What happiness for you, to be at length freed from all the miseries with which we still continue to be afflicted; to be no longer exposed like your brethren, to lose the favour of God which you now possess; to close your eyes at last to all the scandals which grieve us, to the vanity which seduces us, to the examples which lead us astray, to the attachments which divide our affections, to the agitations which distract our minds! What happiness to depart, at length, from a place where every-

thing wearies and everything pollutes us, where we are a burthen to ourselves, where we live only to render ourselves more miserable; and to go thence to an abode of peace, serenity, and gladness, where there is no other occupation but to enjoy the God whom we love! *Proficiscere, anima Christiana.*

What news of joy and immortality then for the righteous man! What a blessed order of things! With what peace, what confidence, and thanksgiving, does he receive it! He raises his dying eyes, like good old Simeon, to heaven, and fixing them on the Lord, he secretly says to Him, Break, O my God, when it pleases Thee, these feeble bonds which still connect me with this mortal state. I wait in peace and hope for the fulfilment of Thy eternal promises. Thus purified by the expiation of a holy and Christian life, fortified by the remedies of the Church, washed in the blood of the Lamb, supported by the hope of the promises, comforted by the communications of the Holy Ghost, ripe for eternity; he shuts his eyes upon all things with a holy joy, he falls gently asleep in the Lord, and returns to the bosom of Him who created him, and who has now become his everlasting reward."

PRAYER BY A MOTHER BEFORE CHILD-BIRTH.

O Almighty God, Father of men and angels, in whose hands are the keys of life and death; look down in great mercy, and gentlest compassion upon Thy unworthy servant. Thou hast fixed the sharpest decree of sorrow and pain upon the weakest of mankind; but Thou so lovest to magnify Thy mercies and Thy power, as that Thy strength may be seen in our weakness. So let it be, O God, unto Thy handmaid; let Thy loving-kindness be my confidence and my rest, my hope and my security, both now and in the hour of my travail.

Lord, let Thy holy angels be present with Thy servant in their charitable ministries about my person. It is a great thing that I ask, but I beg it of the King of heaven and earth, who hath promised that his angels shall stand around them that fear the Lord. Look, O Lord, upon my fear and sanctify it, that it may lead me to carefulness in my duty, and obedience to Thy commandments. Increase my love of Thee, and make it to be pure and perfect, that I may abound in every good work, and be holy and unreprovable in Thy sight. Give me grace to rely with unshaken confidence upon Thy glorious promises. Thou hast commanded us to call upon Thee in our trouble, and hast promised to deliver us. O leave me not, nor forsake me, for there is none that can help or deliver, but only Thou, O God. In Thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be confounded. Give me patience and resignation, a per-

fect abandonment of my own will, and a conformity to Thine; that I may be prepared to endure evil at Thy hand with fortitude, or to receive good with thankfulness. But yet, O Lord my God, give Thy servant leave to pray unto Thee, that Thou wilt not cut me off in the midst of my days, nor forsake me when my strength faileth. Spare me, O God, that I may live to serve Thee, to redeem my time misspent in folly, to gain victory over my temptations, and perfect dominion over my passions. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence and be no more seen; so shall Thy servant rejoice in Thy mercies, and speak of Thy loving-kindness in the Church of Thy redeemed. And grant that those impressions of fear and love, of hope and desire, which Thy grace makes upon me in the circumstances of my present condition, may abide in my soul for ever, and in the days of ease and safety may be as productive of holiness, as they now are of hearty prayers and passionate desires for Thy mercies upon me in a safe and blessed child-birth.

Lord, be gracious unto my child, and grant that it may be born with a perfect body and a sound mind, and let Thy Spirit of grace bless and sanctify it in baptism, and conduct it in safety and holiness from the cradle to the grave. Hear me, O gracious God, for His sake who suffered the infirmities of our nature, and died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THANKSGIVINGS AFTER RECOVERY FROM CHILD-BIRTH.

As it hath pleased Thee, O Almighty God, who hast commanded us when we are afflicted to pray, and hast promised to be with us in trouble, to make good Thy truth and mercy unto me in standing at my right hand in the day of my sorrow and danger, giving me a safe deliverance, and a living and hopeful child; I therefore return to Thee, O God, the sacrifice of a joyful and thankful heart, in an humble acknowledgment of Thy divine mercies and goodness unto me in this great blessing and happy deliverance from the pain and peril of child-birth. O gracious Lord, who healest every sickness and every disease, and who art always present to the prayers of them who in the day of trouble call upon Thy holy name, continue and renew Thy loving-kindness unto me. Keep me from all violent accidents and intolerable pains, from colds and fevers, and defend me by the guardianship of the angels of light from all the assaults of the powers of darkness. Give me refreshing rest and sleep, a meek and quiet spirit, unshaken confidence in Thy goodness and power, a daily sense of thy mercies, a speedy restoration of health and strength, and a thankful heart, that I may praise Thee in the congregation of saints, and serve Thee with an increasing zeal and a persevering duty all the days of my life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most merciful Saviour, who didst take our nature upon Thee, and wert born of a pure virgin; who hast felt the calamities of mankind, and knowest how to pity our infirmities, and rejoicest in doing and showing mercy to all that need and to all that call unto Thee for succour; I give Thee thanks and praise that Thou hast heard my prayers, and considered my cries, and relieved my necessities, and kept my life from the grave, still continuing to me a portion in the land of the living, and an opportunity of serving Thee and doing good in my generation. O continue and increase, and sanctify Thy mercies to me. Pardon all my sins, pity my infirmities, assist me in my duty, keep me from all evil by Thy watchful providence, and lead me into all good by Thy heavenly grace; that walking humbly and devoutly before Thee, piously and dutifully to my relatives and friends, doing justice and giving a good example to those with whom I shall converse, I may find the rewards of holiness and the eternal mercies of God in the day of Thy glorious appearing, O blessed Jesus, our Advocate and Redeemer. Amen.

A PRAYER BY THE PARENTS BEFORE THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O Almighty and eternal God, who hast redeemed us from sin and shame, from the sting of death and the gates of hell, and from ignorance and darkness by Thy dear Son, who is that Light which lighteneth every man that cometh into the world; we praise and

glorify Thee for having called us to the knowledge of Thy will, to the love of Thy name, and the service of Thy Majesty which is perfect freedom.

As Thou hast dealt graciously with us, so deal with this infant whom we shall bring and offer to our blessed Saviour, that He should receive *him* and bless *him* with the blessings of an everlasting love. O most gracious Lord, *he* is Thine by creation: make *him* Thine also by adoption. Let *him* be admitted into Christ's kingdom, enter into His warfare, believe in His doctrine, and hope for His promises; that this child may have *his* understanding for ever brought unto the obedience, *his* affections to the love, and all *his* faculties to the service of Christ, and that after *he* hath served Thee in *his* generation *he* may receive *his* part and portion in Thy glory, through the same Thy Son, our gracious Advocate and Redeemer Amen.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER BEFORE THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O Almighty God, who hast given the promise of Thy Spirit to us and to our children, even to as many as Thou shalt call, give Thy holy Spirit to my infant, that the Wicked One may not approach *him*, to hurt the body, nor deceive the understanding, nor corrupt the will, nor pollute the affections of my child; but that Thy Spirit, who, like the wind which bloweth where it listeth, and no man knows whence it cometh nor whither it goeth, may by His secret influences renew and transform *him* into the image of Thy Son;

that the kingdom of God which is within and cometh not with observation, may be early established in this infant; that Thy grace may rule and govern *his* conduct, prevent the folly of *his* childhood from growing up to sin in *his* youth, and work in *him* effectually when *his* weakness, *his* ignorances, and temptations are most liable to lead *him* astray; and that *he* may be guided by the Spirit in the paths of Thy commandments from *his* cradle to *his* grave. Admit *him*, O God, into the bosom of the Church, into the arms of Thy mercy, into a right of the promises, into the communion of saints, and grant that being buried with Christ in baptism *he* may also rise with Him to righteousness here, and glory hereafter in Thy heavenly kingdom, through the same our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING AFTER THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

We give Thee thanks and praise, O heavenly Father, that it hath pleased Thee to call our child to Thy holy baptism, to sanctify *him* with Thy Spirit, to admit *him* into Thy Church, to adopt *him* for Thine own child, and to make *him* a partaker of the promises in Christ Jesus our Lord. And we humbly beseech Thee, to vouchsafe *him* Thy grace to accompany *him* all the days of *his* life, that *he* may hold fast the profession of *his* faith, and make *his* calling and election sure. Grant that *his* body being washed in pure water, and *his* heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, *he* may follow Thee in the regeneration,

and that after the end of this life, *he* may for ever be with them who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, through the same Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen,

A PRAYER AFTER THE CHILD IS BAPTIZED.

O MOST holy and gracious Saviour, who lovest Thy Church, and hast given Thyself for it, that Thou mightest sanctify and cleanse it, and present it pure and without spot before God; do Thou with Thy holy Spirit enlighten, and with Thy word instruct the understanding of our child, that *he* may learn Thy will and obey Thy laws, and live by faith and not by sight.

O God, be Thou *his* Father for ever, Christ *his* elder brother and his Lord, the Church *his* mother; let the body of Christ be *his* food, the blood of Christ *his* drink, and the Spirit the earnest of *his* inheritance. Let faith be *his* learning, religion *his* employment, heaven the object of *his* hopes and the end of *his* labours; let *him* be Thy servant in the kingdom of grace, and Thy adopted child in the kingdom of glory. And since, blessed Lord, Thou hast made Thy angels ministering spirits to them who shall be heirs of salvation, of Thy mercy and goodness send them forth, we beseech Thee, to be the guardians of our child. Defend *him* from all dangers of body and soul, and make *him* wise, useful, and holy, beloved of men and beloved of Thee, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER FOR HER CHILDREN.

O MOST gracious and eternal God, who hast promised to be a Father to a thousand generations of them that love and fear Thee, be Thou a God and a Father to me, and the children which Thou hast given me. Enable me to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to the praise and honour of Thy holy name. O give me Thy grace and favour, that I may instruct them with prudence and firmness, and lead them, both by precept and example, into the ways of righteousness and truth; never provoking them to wrath by the harshness of my rebukes, nor through weakness indulging them in their follies. And that all my children may be Thine, O preserve them in Thy favour or take them away from hence whilst they are innocent. But if it be Thy good pleasure to let them live to a full age, secure to them, I beseech Thee, a full measure of piety and holiness. To this end give them grace to obey their parents, that doing the duty they may receive the promise. Preserve them from sin and shame, from youthful follies and youthful crimes Sanctify them wholly in their bodies, souls, and spirits, that their thoughts may be pure and spotless, and acceptable in Thy sight. Let their words be discreet and prudent, sincere and holy, that they may minister grace unto the hearers. Let all their actions be such as become the servants of Christ, that pleasing Thee and doing good to others, they may in-

crease in the love of Thee, their God, and in favour with men; and may have the portion of the meek and humble in this world, and of the pure and merciful in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

Almighty God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy, upon this sick child. Deliver him, O Lord, in Thy good appointed time, from his bodily pain, and visit him with Thy salvation; that if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, he may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in his generation; or else receive him into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR A YOUNG PERSON WHO IS SICK.

O Almighty God, the Lord of life and death, of sickness and health, regard our supplications, we humbly beseech Thee, for this Thy servant. In Thy

wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Deliver him in Thy good appointed time from his bodily pain, and save his soul for Thy mercies' sake.

Acknowledge, O Lord, we beseech Thee, this lamb of Thy flock; remember him with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy chosen; hear the voice of his complaint, grant him patience in his sufferings and support under the terrors which encompass him. Thou knowest whereof he is made, and rememberest that he is but dust. Look graciously, then, upon his infirmities, relieve him from his fears, and give him comfort and sure confidence in Thee. And when his flesh and his heart faileth, O be Thou the strength of his heart and his portion for ever. Sanctify this Thy fatherly correction to him. Set before his eyes the things he hath done in the body, which have justly provoked Thee to anger. Awaken in him unfeigned repentance for all the errors of his life past. Humble him in the remembrance of his offences and follies. But, O Thou, who breakest not the bruised reed, nor quenchest the smoking flax, consider his contrition, accept his tears, and give him steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus; that his sins may be done away by Thy mercy and his pardon sealed in heaven, before he go hence and be no more seen.

But if it should be Thy good pleasure to prolong his days here on earth, grant that he may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serv-

ing Thee faithfully and doing good in his generation. Grant that all sinful affections may die in him. Endue him with heavenly virtues. Replenish him with the truth of Thy doctrine, adorn him with innocency of life, and daily increase in him Thy manifold gifts of grace. Let Thy Fatherly hand ever be over him. Let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with him. And so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of Thy word, that in the end he may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him in Thy law.

Before I was troubled, I went wrong; but now have I kept Thy word.

It is good for me that I have been in trouble; that I may learn Thy statutes.

In my prosperity I said, I shall never be removed; Thou Lord, of Thy goodness, hadst made my hill so strong.

Thou didst turn Thy face from me, and I was troubled.

Then cried I unto Thee, O Lord; and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

If the Lord had not helped me, it had not failed, but my soul had been put to silence.

But when I said, My foot hath slipped; Thy mercy, O Lord, held me up.

In the multitude of the sorrows that I had in my heart, Thy comforts have refreshed my soul.

Thou hast turned my heaviness into joy; Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness.

Therefore shall every good man sing of Thy praise without ceasing: O my God, I will give thanks unto Thee for ever.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless Thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our brother to some degree of his former health. Blessed be Thy name, that Thou didst not forsake him in his sickness; but didst visit him with comforts from above; didst support him in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last, didst send him seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards him; and prosper the means which shall be made use of for his cure: that being restored to health of body, vigour of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, he may be able to go to Thine house, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless Thy holy name for all Thy goodness towards him, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. To whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise, honour and adoration, love and duty to Thee, O Lord, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who hast known our soul in adversity, and delivered us from the evils which we most justly have deserved. We confess, O God, that we are less than the least of all Thy mercies; but Thy unbounded love rejoices in doing us good, and in preserving us from evil. Thou art gracious even when Thou smitest us; but we cannot express Thy loving-kindness to us, when Thou sustainest us in our sorrows, when Thou hearest our prayers, when Thou relievest our necessities, when Thou deliverest us from Thy wrath, and snatchest us from the power of the grave. O give unto Thy servant a thankful heart, an obedient mind, carefulness in his duty, zeal for Thy glory, submission to Thy divine will and pleasure; that serving Thee with all his powers, loving Thee with all his heart and strength, obeying Thee in all Thy commandments, and delighting in Thee in all Thy dispensations, he may be conducted in safety through the various changes of Thy providence, defended in the temptations of his enemies, relieved in all his necessities, assisted in all his duties; that so he may pass through this valley of tears in peace and quietness, in faith and charity, in the confidence of a holy hope, and in the strength of Thy righteous promises, to the fruition of those mercies which are the portion of obedience, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I SAID in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave; I am deprived of the residue of my years.

I said, I shall not see the Lord, even the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt Thou make an end of me.

My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me.

And now my soul is poured out upon me; the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.

My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.

My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.

But Thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back.

For the grave cannot praise Thee, death cannot celebrate Thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth.

The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known Thy truth.

When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thy holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities, forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.

THANKSGIVINGS FOR A RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O God, who art the giver of life, of health, and of safety; we bless Thy name, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver from his bodily sickness this Thy servant, who now desireth to return thanks unto Thee. Gracious art Thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May his heart be duly impressed with a sense of Thy merciful goodness, and may he devote the residue of his days to an humble, holy, and obedient walking before Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thou, O Lord, didst revoke the sentence which appeared to have gone out against him Unto Thee may he ascribe the honour and praise. May he be glad and rejoice in Thy mercy, for Thou hast considered his trouble and hast known his soul in adversity. As Thou hast spread Thy hand upon him for a covering, so also enlarge his heart with thankfulness, and fill his mouth with praise. And let Thy favour and loving-kindness endure for ever and ever upon Thy servant, and grant that what Thou hast sown in mercy may spring up in duty. O let Thy grace so strengthen his purposes. that he may sin no more.

Let him walk in the light of thy countenance and in the way of Thy commandments, that living here to the glory of Thy name, he may at last enter into the glory of Thy kingdom and spend eternity in Thy praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Gracious is the Lord and righteous, yea our God is merciful.

The Lord will command His loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night His song shall be with me.

Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me?

Put thy trust in God, for I will yet give Him thanks for the help of His countenance.

We have waited for Him, and He will save us; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

FOR A PERSON IN A STATE OF DESPONDENCY.

Almighty God, the aid of all who need, and the helper of those who fly unto Thee for succour; accept, we beseech Thee, the prayers which we now make for this Thy servant, labouring under the gloomy

apprehension of Thy displeasure. Enter not into judgment with him, for if Thou wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? Make him sensible, that though the wages of sin are death, yet Thou hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and desirest not the death of a sinner, that Thou always punishest less than we deserve, and in Thy wrath rememberest mercy. Grant that he may not dishonour Thy name by doubting Thy goodness, and by perverting the precepts and promises of Thy gospel. Graciously convince him of his error, and the sinfulness of excluding himself from all hope of pardon for his offences, when Thou hast declared that those who come unto Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out, and that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. Preserve him, O Lord, from the neglect of the means of grace, as if they were no farther useful, and keep him in the observance of every duty enjoined. And though he find no present comfort in the ways of Thy laws and the works of Thy commandments, yet grant him perseverance, in hope that at last he shall receive the advantage of them. Let Thy grace be sufficient for him in all his trials and distress, and bring him, we humbly beseech Thee, from this desponding condition, to rejoice in the better knowledge and practice of his duty. Deliver him, O Lord, from Thy wrath, and from the fear of it, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who made a full, perfect, and sufficient satisfaction for the sins of the whole world. Amen.

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction:

For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.

He withdraweth not His eyes from the righteous:

Yea, He doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted.

And if they be bound in fetters, and be holden in cords of affliction;

Then He showeth them their work, and their transgressions that they have exceeded.

He openeth also their ear to discipline, and commandeth that they return from iniquity.

Behold, happy is the man which God correcteth; therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

For He maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and His hands make whole.

He shall deliver thee in six troubles; yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

In famine He shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword.

FOR A PERSON UNDER AFFLICTION.

O merciful God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy holy Word, that Thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; look with pity, we beseech Thee, upon the sorrows of Thy servant. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit

to visit him with trouble, and to bring distress upon him. Remember him, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to him; endue his soul with patience under his affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will; comfort him with a sense of Thy goodness; lift up Thy countenance upon him, and give him peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, let me know my end, and the number of my days, that I may be certified how long I have to live.

Behold, Thou hast made my days as it were a span long, and mine age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity:

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain; he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

And now, Lord, what is my hope? truly my hope is even in Thee.

Deliver me from all mine offences, and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

I became dumb, and opened not my mouth; for it was Thy doing.

Take Thy plague away from me: I am even consumed by the means of Thy heavy hand.

When Thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, Thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment; every man, therefore, is but vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling; hold not Thy peace at my tears:

For I am a stranger with Thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

A PRAYER TO BE USED WITH THE RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, AFTER THE SOUL IS DEPARTED.

Almighty God, who governest all things in heaven and earth with infinite wisdom and infinite mercy, who bringest good out of evil and comfort out of sorrow, and after the saddest visitations dost refresh Thy children with the light of Thy countenance, with the blessings of Thy providence, with the succours of Thy grace, and the consolations of Thy Spirit; have mercy upon this family, and return to us all with Thy loving-kindness, changing our grief and anguish into holiness and joy. Be Thou a Father to the fatherless, a husband to the widow, and a God of comfort to them that mourn. Grant that Thy servants may not sorrow as men without hope, nor murmur at Thy dispensation; that they may not complain of anything but themselves, nor desire anything but that Thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Grant that when Thou smitest us it may increase Thy fear in us, and that when Thou doest good to us in smiting or forbearing, in chastising or comforting, it may increase thy love in us. And let

Thy Holy Spirit so govern our wills and understandings, our affections and passions, our desires and hopes, that we may live acceptably to Thee in this world, and depart from it in Thy peace and favour; looking forward to a joyful resurrection in the last day, and to the never-ending bliss and glory of Thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Man, that is born of woman, is of few days and full of trouble.

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

His days are determined, the number of his months are with Thee, Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;

Thou prevailest for ever against him, and he passeth; Thou changest his countenance, and sendest him away.

His sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them.

As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

I have said to corruption, Thou art my father: to the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister.

And where is now my hope? As for my hope, who shall see it?

They shall go down to the bars of the pit, when our rest together is in the dust.

There the wicked cease from troubling; and there the weary be at rest.

There the prisoners rest together; they hear not the voice of the oppressor.

The small and great are there; and the servant is free from his master.

If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.

For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

UPON THE DEATH OF AN ACQUAINTANCE OR FRIEND.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives: that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the

Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God is our hope and strength, a very present help in trouble.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid?

Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Thee.

O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of His praise to be heard;

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip.

O love the Lord, all ye His saints; for the Lord preserveth them that are faithful, and plenteously rewardeth the proud doer.

Be strong, and He shall establish your heart, all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

O Almighty God, the Creator and Governor of the universe, who hast so disposed all things as may best glorify Thy wisdom, serve the ends of Thy justice, and magnify Thy mercy; and who by secret

and undiscernible ways bringest good out of evil; we humbly beseech Thee to give us wisdom from above, that we may reverence Thee in Thy judgments, and adore Thy footsteps, which are in the great deep, and cannot be searched out. Teach us to submit to Thy providence in all things, to be content in all the changes of our condition, to be temperate in prosperity, meek, patient, and resigned in adversity, and to look through the cloud of darkness and trouble, for the light and consolation which Thou in Thy mercy vouchsafest to them that love Thee. And grant, that in all our afflictions we may fly unto Thee for succour and support; that we may wait for deliverance in such times and manners as Thou hast reserved in Thine own power, and graciously dispensest according to Thine infinite wisdom and compassion; and that, in the mean time, doing our duty with an unwearied diligence and an undisturbed composure, our affections may be gradually weaned from the vanities and possessions of this world, and steadfastly fixed on that place where true joys are alone to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord, Thou hast been our refuge, from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the world were made, Thou art God from everlasting, and world without end.

Thou turnest man to destruction; again Thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, seeing that is past as a watch in the night.

As soon as Thou scatterest them, they are even as asleep, and fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green, and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.

For we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at Thy wrathful indignation.

Thou hast set our misdeeds before Thee, and our secret sins in the light of Thy countenance.

For when Thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years, yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

But who regardeth the power of Thy wrath? for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is Thy displeasure.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises. And

in order that we may more seriously apply our hearts unto wisdom, teach us, O Lord, from the daily spectacles of mortality around us, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Grant that neither the splendour of anything that is great nor the conceit of anything that is good in us may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but that we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, with faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance to the end; so that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope, in favour with Thee, our God, and in perfect charity with the world; all which we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the Lord hath spoken.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness.

For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes

that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his.

Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

And they that be wise, shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

O God who knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust, look down with pity and compassion upon Thy servants, whose days pass away like a tale that is told, and as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a night. Suffer us not to walk in a vain show, nor to disquiet ourselves in vain; but so teach us to number the days of our pilgrimage which are few and evil, as that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Give us Thy Holy Spirit to guide us in the ways of peace. Enable us to die daily unto sin and to live unto righteousness; that being weaned from this world, our affections and conversation may be in heaven. And grant that

when we shall have served Thee in our generation, and been gathered unto our fathers, our souls may rest in the bosom of Paradise, and our bodies be awakened and glorified at the resurrection of the just, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Boast not thyself of to-morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust.

For we are strangers before Thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

They are passed away as the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

One dieth in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet:

And another dieth in the bitterness of his soul, and never eateth with pleasure.

They shall lie down alike in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

But the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

O God the protector of all them who put their trust in Thee, Let Thy Holy Spirit govern all our words and actions, our thoughts and designs, and enable us so truly to repent us of our sins, so carefully to reform our errors, so diligently to watch over all our conduct, that we may never fail through negligence to obey Thy commandments, nor willingly transgress Thy holy laws. May it be the work of our lives and the joy of our hearts to serve and please Thee, that we may finally receive the reward of our labours and the end of our hopes, the salvation of our souls. Assist us, mercifully, in all the changes and chances of this mortal life. O be gracious unto us in the time of calamity and trouble, when the cloud is thick and the storm is great, and nature would sink under the visitations of Thy providence, without the support and comfort of Thy heavenly grace. Strengthen our faith in our sicknesses and sorrows, our temptations and trials. And when the days of our pilgrimage are over, and the shadows are departed, grant that we may die in Thy fear and favour, and rest in a holy hope of our joyful resurrection, and the full and perfect consummation of our bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy everlasting kingdom, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

UPON THE DEATH OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND EMINENT FOR PIETY.

Blessed Lord, in whose sight the death of Thy saints is precious, we magnify Thy name for Thine abundant goodness bestowed upon our departed

friend, by which he was enabled so cheerfully to follow the steps of his blessed Master in his meekness and patience, his gentleness and submission, his courage, and constancy, and great charity. We give Thee hearty thanks for the good example of this Thy servant, who, having finished his course in faith, doth now rest from his labours. And we beseech Thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose will is the measure of holiness, and whose providence is the minister of mercy, binding all events together in order to Thy glory and the advantage of Thy servants by a mysterious chain of wisdom and goodness; let Thy will also be the measure of our desires, and Thy providence in all the changes of life the ground of our submission. Thou hast made and hitherto sustained us. Thou hast blessed us with unmerited mercies all our days, and protected us amidst innumerable dangers. Thou hast relieved us in our calamities, and comforted us in our sorrows. In the remembrance then of Thy past goodness, may we repose with filial confidence on Thy love and favour for the time to come. And more especially, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that in the loss of our friends whom Thou hast guided in life by Thy counsel, and blessed in death with Thy

peace and favour; we may not murmur and repine, nor sorrow as others who are without hope. Thy counsels are secret, and Thy wisdom is infinite: with the same hand Thou hast crowned them, and smitten us. Praised be Thy name, O Lord, that Thou didst call them to the knowledge of Thy truth, and sanctify them by Thy grace; that Thou didst pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing, and preserve them in their way through all the impediments of their salvation. We give Thee thanks, O God, for all the graces and benefits which Thou didst bestow upon them in time, and hast reserved for them throughout eternity. And we beseech Thee, to join us so together with them in unity of spirit, that we, following their blessed steps in all virtuous and godly living, may cheerfully do Thy will on earth as they in heaven, and be made partakers with them of those unutterable joys which Thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love Thee; through the merits of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I HEARD a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and

before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders: and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes; and whence came they?

And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, we humbly beseech Thee, that in the loss of our friends who have died in the Lord, we may not sorrow as others who are without hope. O may we realize, in some measure, the blessedness of their change. May we find a solace and support in the comfortable assurance, that through Thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, who has overcome death, their vile bodies shall be changed and made like unto His own most glorious body; that through the grave and gate of death they shall pass to their joyful resurrection; that they rest from their labours and their works do follow them; that delivered from the burthen of the flesh, they have entered into the felicity of Thy chosen; and that received into Paradise, they wait with the spirits of the just, in joyful expectation of their perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal and everlasting glory. Most thankfully, therefore, do we praise Thee, for their gracious lives and deaths here, and for the glorious crowns with which they are recompensed in Thy kingdom; beseeching Thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that we, living and dying like them, may together with them be partakers also of Thy heavenly kingdom, and be numbered with these Thy holy ones in glory everlasting. Grant this, O Father, for the merits of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O BLESSED Lord, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted in mind, body, or estate. Relieve the distressed, comfort the sorrowful, protect the innocent, and awaken the guilty. Assist those who draw near the time of their dissolution, and so fit and prepare them, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after their departure hence, in peace and in Thy favour, their souls may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom. And we bless Thy holy name, for all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, and more especially for those who were near and dear to us. We laud and magnify Thee for Thy great goodness, in having given them a happy deliverance from the sins and sorrows of this miserable world, and we most humbly beseech Thee, that we may have grace to follow their good examples in steadfastness of faith and godliness of life, that at the last day, we, with them, and they with us, may attain to the resurrection of the Just, and hear the joyful voice of our Lord, saying unto us, Come, ye blessed children of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery.

He cometh up and is cut down, like a flower.

For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more

He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay.

But Thou, Lord, art God from everlasting and world without end.

Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. The merciful goodness of the Lord endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him, and his righteousness upon children's children.

Look graciously then, upon Thy servant, O Lord, for in Thee have I put my trust.

I am feeble and sore smitten.

I am brought into so great trouble and misery that I go mourning all the day long.

If I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling. Hold not Thy peace at my tears.

Thus saith the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears, for thy work shall be rewarded: and there is hope in thine end, that thy children shall come again to their own border.

For the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Awake, and sing, ye that dwell in dust; for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

FOR A FAMILY IN AFFLICTION UPON THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

O ETERNAL and merciful God, the just and righteous Governor of the world, who orderest all things both in heaven and earth, teach us to submit to Thy will and adore Thy wisdom in all the dispensations of Thy providence. Let Thy promises and threatenings, Thy mercies and judgments, alike dispose us to holiness and obedience; that in the time of prosperity we may rejoice in Thy goodness, and in the time of adversity consider the end of our afflictions. When Thou smitest, sanctify unto us Thy rod; and when Thou pressest heavily upon us, support us with Thy staff. Lord, open our understanding, that we may know the meaning of Thy voice when Thou speakest from heaven in warnings and judgments. Let a holy fear so soften our spirits, and a devout love so sanctify our hearts, that apprehending the slightest intimation of Thy pleasure, we may with repentance go out to meet Thee, trusting in the gracious promise that Thine anger will endure but for a moment, and Thy mercy and loving-kindness for ever. In the daily instances of mortality around us, may we see how frail and uncertain our own condition is. Behold, O Lord, Thou hast made our days as it were a span long, and our age is even as nothing in respect of Thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity. Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth fretting a garment, or Thou bringest him

down suddenly to the grave in the fulness of his strength. For all flesh is as grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but Thy word, O God, shall stand for ever. Teach us, then, O Lord, so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, we more especially beseech Thee to look down with pity upon the sadness and sorrows of these Thy servants. In Thy wisdom Thou hast seen fit to visit them with trouble, to take from them the pride of their eyes and the joy of their hearts. O Lord, suffer them not to sorrow as those who are without hope. Enable them to raise their thoughts above this troublesome world, from which their child has departed, to the rest and bliss of which, we humbly hope, it is now a partaker in the kingdom of heaven. And in the keen sense of their bereavement, and the gradual dissolution of the ties which bind them to life, let their hearts be more steadfastly fixed on that place where true joys are alone to be found, and where sorrow and sighing are done away. Give them grace to look with a holy indifference upon the pleasures and pursuits, the interests and possessions of this world, and with a meek and submissive spirit upon its crosses and trials.

And let it be the most anxious care of us all, O Lord, to serve and please Thee, and our greatest fear lest we should sin against Thee, and fail of Thy

favour. Let our duty be our employment; let Thy law be our rule, Thy providence our portion, Thy Spirit our helper and guide; that when the cloud of affliction is passed over we may see the brightness of Thy face, and perpetual showers of grace and mercy refreshing our sad and weary spirits: so when Thou shalt have saved our souls from death, our eyes from tears, and our feet from falling, we will sing eternal praises to the honour of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Remember, O Lord, what is come upon us; consider and behold our sorrows.

We are orphans, and fatherless; our mothers are as widows.

All joy hath ceased, and our dance is turned into mourning.

The crown is fallen from our head; our heart is faint, and our eyes are dim.

Turn Thee unto us, and have mercy upon us; for we are desolate and in misery.

The troubles of our heart are enlarged; O relieve us in our distress, and comfort us in our troubles.

In Thee the fatherless findeth mercy; and the widow a protection and defence.

Leave Thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me.

Be Thou then our hope and strength; a very present help in time of trouble.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

UPON THE DEATH OF A HUSBAND AND FATHER.

O ETERNAL God and merciful Father, who art the refuge and hope, the guardian and protector of all who put their trust in Thee; look graciously upon Thy servant whom Thou hast smitten and afflicted, and whom Thou alone canst heal. Thy hand presseth heavily upon her by reason of her weakness and infirmities. O strengthen her by Thy grace. Send her help from above, and in the multitude of her sorrows let Thy comforts refresh her soul. Open her eyes that she may see the gracious design of Thy visitations. Enable her to bear them with patience and resignation, and so to improve them to her soul's good, as to find that even in judgment there is mercy. May they deeply impress her mind with the uncertainty of our best earthly enjoyments, and make her more earnest and engaged in the pursuit of those which are durable and eternal.

O Thou, who art the defender of the widows, sustain Thy servant in her sorrows, and help her in her duties. Let her sad state of widowhood be a state of repentance and holiness, of unfeigned piety and fervent devotion. Let her recall the negligences and offences of her past years in sorrow of soul. Let her

afflictions wean her from the world, and let her hope and her joy, her desires and her conversation, be in heaven.

O Thou, who art the Father of the fatherless, look graciously upon the children of this bereaved family. Spare them to be the comfort and solace of their mother, and fit and dispose her to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Be Thou their God and their Father, and let Thy providence be their protection, Thy service their employment, Thy angels their guards; and so keep them by Thy preventing and restraining grace, that they may never fall into sin, but serve Thee faithfully here in their generation, and finally be made partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Great God of mercy, heal all the breaches of this family, preserve and increase its remaining comforts, and send down upon it the continual dew of Thy blessing. Hear us, O Lord, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

I WOULD not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first.

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

For the Lord Jesus Christ shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

And behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Hold fast that which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away.

PRAYERS UPON THE DEATH OF ANY RELATIVE OR FRIEND.

O Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, grant to us Thy servants, that we may die unto sin and live unto righteousness;

that when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers in peace, leaving a good name and a wholesome example behind us; that being holy in our lives, we may be blessed in our death; and that with all those who have departed in Thy faith and fear, we may be received into paradise, and rest in joyful hope of our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal and glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O most blessed Saviour, who art the Resurrection and the Life, look graciously upon us Thy servants, whose days pass away like a tale that is told, and as the remembrance of a guest that tarrieth but a night. O suffer us not to walk in a vain show, nor to disquiet ourselves in vain; but let Thy Holy Spirit lead us into the ways of righteousness and peace. Grant that our affections being weaned from this world, we may die daily, and that laying up a treasure of good works we may not dread the hour of our death, but be always ready for our departure; and let our portion be with the charitable and merciful on the right hand of the Father, where Thou sittest and reignest in the glory of God for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, we adore Thy Majesty, and humbly submit to Thy will in all the dispensations of Thy providence. We magnify Thy

mercy, that it hath pleased Thee to give a happy deliverance to this our brother out of the troubles and miseries of this sinful world. Thy counsels are secret, and Thy wisdom is infinite: with the same hand Thou hast crowned him and smitten us. Thou hast taken him into regions of felicity, and placed him among the saints and angels, and left us to mourn for our sins and Thy displeasure. Lord, turn Thy anger into mercy, and Thy chastisements into the means of our spiritual improvement. And we humbly beseech Thee, of Thy goodness, O Lord, to unite our supplications with the earnest desires of those holy souls who pray, and wait, and long for Thy second coming. Accomplish Thou the number of Thy elect, and fill up the mansions in heaven which are prepared for all them that love the coming of the Lord Jesus; that we, with all others departed this life in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the first fruits of the resurrection from the dead, and who by entering into glory has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers; we humbly beseech Thee to raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that being partakers of the death of Christ and followers of His holy life, we may be partakers of His Spirit and His glorious promises; and that when we shall depart this life we

may rest in Him, as our hope is that this our brother doth. O suffer us not for any temptation of the world, or any snares of the devil, or any pains of death, to fall from Thee. Lord, let Thy Holy Spirit enable us with His grace to fight a good fight with perseverance, to finish our course with holiness, and to keep the faith with constancy unto the end; that at the day of judgment we may stand at the right hand of the throne of God, and hear the joyful sentence: Come, ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, we beseech Thee, O merciful Father, through Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

A PRAYER BEFORE THE COMMUNION.

O BLESSED Jesus, my gracious Saviour and Redeemer, King of kings and Lord of lords, whom the angels look upon with wonder and worship with the deepest adoration; what am I, O Lord, that Thou shouldest deign to dwell with me who am nothing but folly and infirmity, misery and sin, shame and death!

I confess, O Lord, when I consider Thy purity and my uncleanness, thy glory and my shame, I tremble to approach Thy presence and to partake of the memorials of Thy body and blood. But though my sins have made a separation between me and my God, Thy love and Thy passion, Thy holiness and

obedience, have reconciled me to Him whom I have so grievously offended. O blessed Saviour, who for our sakes didst take upon Thee our affections and passions, our weaknesses and sufferings, who wert hungry after the temptation of the devil, weary and thirsty in Thy discourse with the woman of Samaria, who didst weep over Lazarus, wert exceeding sorrowful in the garden, and pouredst out Thy soul unto death for the transgressors, and who didst thus become unto us a merciful High Priest, touched with a feeling of our infirmities; receive, I beseech Thee, Thy unworthy servant, weary and heavy-laden with his sins, accused by his own conscience, and polluted both in body and soul. I know that a thousand years of sorrow, the humiliation of the greatest penitent, the love of saints, and the purity of angels, are not sufficient to make me worthy that Thou shouldest enter under my roof, and that I should be strengthened and refreshed with Thy body and blood.

But what I cannot be of myself, do Thou graciously make me. I come unto Thee wounded with my transgressions, for Thou art my physician; arise then with healing in Thy wings. Thirsty and faint, as the hart longeth after the water brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God, the eternal fountain, whence spring the waters of comfort and salvation. Heal my diseases, wash out my stains, and cleanse me from all pollution of flesh and spirit. O blessed Jesus, may this holy sacrament which is a memorial of Thy death, be unto me a savour of life. May it

purify my heart, strengthen my faith, enliven my hope, and increase my charity; that being united with Thee in the closest bonds on earth, I may finally be a partaker of Thy glory and bliss in the kingdom of heaven, where Thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION.

O MOST merciful and gracious God, who hast sent Thy only begotten Son into the world to destroy the works of the devil, to redeem us from all iniquity, and to deliver us from the bitter pains of eternal death; I humbly beseech Thee to sanctify and bless to me the memorials of the body and blood of Thy dear Son, which I have this day received, and to make me a fit habitation for His holy presence both now and for ever more.

O blessed Saviour, I adore the secrets of Thy wisdom and the depths of Thy mercy, in the awful mystery of my salvation. Grant that in the remembrance of Thine unspeakable love I may show forth my thankfulness, by conforming myself to Thy likeness in all things, in the imitation of Thy actions, in the fellowship of Thy sufferings, in the communion of Thy graces, and the participation of Thy glories; that beginning here to praise Thy name for Thy mercies, I may magnify and adore Thee hereafter for ever and ever.

O Lamb of God, holy and spotless, who for our sakes wert pleased to endure shame and sorrow, to be brought before the tribunal of Thy creatures whom Thou shalt judge at the last day, to be maliciously accused, treacherously betrayed, unjustly condemned, suffering the severest torments which malice could devise or cruelty inflict; enable me to see the baseness and enormity of sin, in the sacrifice which Thou didst make for its full and perfect atonement. May I abhor and detest my sins which were the cause of Thy sufferings, and hereafter earnestly endeavour to shun and forsake them. Lord, what am I, that Thou shouldest be wounded for my transgressions, and that with Thy stripes I should be healed? I am unworthy of the least of Thy mercies, and yet Thou hast shown unto me the greatest which man can conceive or God can bestow.

Complete then Thy loving-kindness, and carry me safely through all the temptations and trials of this dangerous world. O holy and blessed Jesus, who didst look upon us with compassion lying in our sin and misery, and in the darkness of the shadow of death; who didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows, that we might be partakers of Thy felicity; let Thine eyes pity me, Thy hands support me, Thy holy feet tread down all the difficulties in my way to heaven. Let me be instructed with Thy wisdom, moved by Thy affections, directed by Thy will, and clothed with Thy righteousness, that in the great day of account, I may be found meet to partake of the

inheritance of Thy saints in light; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end. Amen.

PRIVATE PRAYERS FOR THE SICK.

A PRAYER TO BE SAID WHEN FIRST TAKEN ILL.

O MERCIFUL God and Heavenly Father, who givest us life, and health, and all things, and recallest them according to Thy good pleasure; grant that I may behold Thy hand in everything that befalleth me. In all the afflictive dispensations of Thy providence, may I strive to improve them to Thy glory and my own salvation. And now that sickness has taken hold of me I fly to Thy goodness for comfort, and to Thy Almighty power for succour and relief. O regard not my unworthiness, nor refuse to hear me when I call upon Thee. Give me grace to take the illness under which I am labouring as Thy heavenly visitation, that I may both hearken to the rod and to him that has appointed it. May I bear Thy chastisement with patience and submission, and as it is a scourge for my sins, let it also be a cure for them. May I no more return to vanity and folly, nor indulge in anything which tends to Thy dishonour and my own destruction. And if in Thy wisdom, Thou shouldest not see fit to restore me to health, but my sickness should be unto death; O let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end

be like his! And grant that I may leave the world with a steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus, with an unfeigned repentance for all the errors of my life past, with a holy indifference to all temporal things, and a cheerful resignation of my soul into Thy hands, as into the hands of my merciful Creator, through the merits and mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O GRACIOUS and merciful God, who in Thy justice didst send sorrow and tears, sickness and death, into the world as a punishment for man's transgression, and hast concluded all under sin, not to destroy us, but that Thou mightest have mercy upon all, making Thy justice to minister to mercy, and the light afflictions of this life to an eternal weight of glory; as Thou hast visited me for my sins with sickness and trouble, so make these trials the happy occasion of my growth in grace in this life and the increase of my glory in the world to come. And as Thou hast thus called me to a fellowship with Thy dear Son, who was made perfect through suffering, grant that I may be brought nearer to him and Thyself in holiness, purity, and love. Sanctify to me all the changing circumstances of my sickness, relieve my pains, and support me in dejection and distress. Enable me to behave myself with humility and sorrow, with submissiveness and patience, as a child under the discipline of a father, that if I shall be re-

stored to health of body and vigour of mind, I may return to the world with fresh strength for the race which is set before me, and finish my course with joy; or if I pass from hence through the gate of death, I may be mercifully received into the bosom of my Lord, to reign with him in glory and bliss for ever and ever. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of our Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PATIENCE.

Righteous art Thou, O Lord, in all the pains and sorrows which Thou hast brought upon me for the punishment of my sins, and the trial of my patience. I receive my sickness with humility as Thy Fatherly chastisement. Correct me, O Lord, but not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing. Let me be judged for my sins here, that I may have nothing but mercy without judgment from Thine hands hereafter. I lament and bewail my transgressions in bitterness of soul. Accept, I beseech Thee, my unfeigned repentance, blot out all my misdeeds, and refresh me with the grace and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit. But, O Lord, I beseech Thee, not only to give me pardon for my offences, but strength and patience in my sufferings and trials. Support me in the weakness of my body, guard me in the temptations which assault my soul, deal out my sorrows with tenderness, and turn them all to my good and comfort in the end.

And since I rest upon Thee as my rock and my stay, let me not sink under Thy visitation into dejection and sadness, nor imagine my distress greater than I can bear. Let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness. Let no rebellious thoughts nor unholy murmurings arise within me, but give me a submissive and resigned, a patient and humble spirit, whilst I live, and be my blessed portion when I die, through the merits and mediation of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O most blessed and glorious Saviour, who didst suffer with meekness and patience those stripes with which we were healed, and who hast made the way of the cross to be the way of heaven, enable me, I beseech Thee, to bear the affliction which Thou hast laid on me with a calm and willing mind. I know that Thou art as gracious when Thou smitest us for trial and amendment, as when Thou relievest us in compassion to our infirmities. But though my spirit is willing, my flesh is weak. O Lord Jesus, I am unable of myself to stand under the cross. But Thou who didst feel the burthen of it, who didst sink under it for a moment, but afterwards triumph over it for ever, making it a perpetual sign of our deliverance from sin and death; fortify my spirit under the weight of my sufferings. Refresh me by Thy grace when I am ready to faint, and lift me up when I fall.

Sanctify my sickness to me, support me in my weariness, calm me in my fears, and comfort me in my sorrows. Let me never in my rashness charge Thee foolishly, nor offend Thee by my impatience. Let me neither secretly murmur against Thy dispensations, nor weaken the hands and hearts of those who charitably minister to my needs. Make Thou all my bed in my sickness, and deliver me not into the will of my enemies, but let me pass through this vale of misery and tears with a meek and quiet spirit, and a grateful sense of Thy mercies and merits, O blessed Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever livest and reignest one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR REPENTANCE AND PARDON.

O ALMIGHTY God and most merciful Father, who delightest not in the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, give unto me Thy unworthy servant a deep contrition for all my offences, and strength to forsake them, grace to fear Thee and grace to love Thee, power to serve Thee, and time and inclination to finish the work Thou hast given me to do; that being washed in the blood of Thy Son, sanctified by Thy Spirit, and saved by Thy mercy, I may here rejoice in hope, and hereafter sing eternal praises to the honour of Thy name, through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O most glorious and blessed Saviour, who alone hast power to forgive sin, to rescue us from its dominion, and to deliver us from the wrath of God, be gracious to me a miserable offender, who confess Thy justice in my sufferings, and implore Thy mercy in the pardon and forgiveness of all my transgressions. Remember not the follies of my childhood, nor the vanities of my youth, (the remissness and guilt of my riper years, nor my hardness of heart and contempt of Thy word even in the infirmities of age.) Remember not the sins of my tongue, nor the outbreaks of my wrath, the unlawfulness of my desires, nor the wickedness of my deeds. Contend no longer with a miserable wretch, who acknowledges his guilt, and earnestly begs for the remission of his sins. Thou hast glorified Thyself in all generations of the world, by giving pardon to the penitent, and ease to the afflicted, comfort to the comfortless, and refreshment to the weary. Behold, O Lord, the sorrows of Thy servant, and do away mine offences. By Thy manifold mercies and Thine infinite merits, by Thine agony and bloody sweat, by Thy strong crying and tears, by Thy bitter cross and passion, by Thy mighty resurrection, Thy glorious ascension, and Thy effectual intercession and mediation, hear me, O Lord, and have mercy upon me. And however Thou shalt see fit to deal with me here, vouchsafe at last unto my body a part in the resurrection

of the Just, and unto my soul the estate of joy, happiness, and immortality with all Thy blessed saints in Thy heavenly kingdom, through Thine own prevailing merits, O Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. Amen.

FOR REPENTANCE AND RESIGNATION TO GOD'S WILL.

O GRACIOUS God, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; I fly unto Thee for mercy and forgiveness. My sins are so great; so numerous; so intolerable; that in the sad and painful remembrance of them, I am covered with humiliation and shame. Thy hand lieth heavy on me, but my punishment is less than I deserve. It is because Thy compassions fail not, that I am still kept from feeling all the severity of Thy Judgments. It is of Thy mercy alone, that in the disease with which Thou hast afflicted me, Thou hast kept me from the distress of a disordered mind; that I am still capable of receiving the correction, the reproof, and the consolations of Thy holy Word; that I am relieved in my sufferings, by the sympathy of kind friends, and comforted in my sorrows by the prayers of Thy ministering servants; that I am supported by faith in Thy gospel, and trust in Thy promises. It is of Thy mercy alone that I have not been summoned to give an account of my stewardship in the midst of my negligence and sins; that

time is still granted to me to work out my salvation; and that there is yet encouragement to hope for the restoration of my health, and to expect Thy loving-kindness in the land of the living. And now, O God, since Thou hast dealt so graciously with Thy servant, in not exacting from me what Thou mightest have strictly claimed, and hast turned from me those evils which I have most justly deserved; complete and crown Thy mercy to me, and make my present sufferings, I beseech Thee, instrumental to Thy glory and my salvation. May they be the means of quickening my repentance, amending my life, purifying my heart, and humbling my mind; that being tried in the fire of tribulation, I may come forth a vessel of honour, acceptable in Thy sight, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

Most gracious God, who art infinitely wise and infinitely merciful, who orderest all things well, and delightest to bring good out of evil; behold Thy servant, O Lord, bowing submissively to Thy will, and do unto me what seemeth good in Thy sight. But Thou knowest, that though the spirit be willing the flesh is weak. Give me patience and firmness then in my sufferings, however grievous to be borne, that I may neither openly complain, nor secretly murmur at Thy fatherly chastisement; that I may not be

hasty in arraigning Thy providence, in the day of my calamity, but with a meek and quiet spirit wait calmly for the event of Thy dealings with me, whatever they may be. But make no long tarrying, O Lord, in the relief which I need; make haste to help me, O God of my salvation; and in the darkness and gloom with which I am encompassed, give me a light from heaven, that with the eye of faith I may see beyond the cloud, and look for those comforts and supports which Thou hast prepared for them who love Thee, and who have laid up all their hopes in Thy paternal bosom.

Thou hast said, O God, I will never leave Thee nor forsake Thee. Thy word is truth; for Thou hast given me an assurance of the fulfilment of Thy promises, in the mercies which I have already received at Thy hands. Thou hast often relieved me in my distresses, supported my spirits in the days of my sorrow, allowed me intervals of ease in suffering and pain, revived me after wakefulness and weariness, with sweet and refreshing repose, and, in many ways, altogether unmerited, hast renewed Thy loving-kindness to me day by day. In the remembrance, then, of Thy past mercies, I am encouraged to hope that Thy comforts will refresh my soul in the time to come; that Thy mercies will support me under my afflictions; that Thy Spirit will help me in my infirmities; that Thy providence will deliver me out of my troubles, or Thy grace will sanctify them and make them work together for my

good, through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR A BLESSING ON THE MEANS WHICH MAY BE USED FOR RECOVERY.

O Father of mercies and God of all consolation, our only help in time of need, I humbly beseech Thee, to look upon me Thy unworthy servant with mercy and favour, here lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body. Lay no more upon me than Thou wilt enable me to bear. Consider my weakness, and proportion my trials to my strength, that I may endure them with patience and resignation to Thy blessed will. Hear my complaints, and remove the cause of them, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for me. Give Thy blessing to the means which may be used for my recovery. And since Thou alone canst effectually remove my maladies, and skill, medicine, and attention are only instruments in Thy hands that work according to Thy good pleasure, speak the word, O Lord, and Thy servant shall be healed. But if Thou shouldest not see fit to hearken unto my prayer, fit me for whatever in Thy wise providence Thou shalt order for me. Give me ease and comfort in my sufferings, or firmness and strength when my heart and my flesh are ready to fail. Guide me with Thy counsel, and after that receive me with glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O MOST blessed and glorious Saviour, the great Physician of our souls, the Sun of Righteousness arising with healing in Thy wings, who when Thou didst appear among men went about doing good, and healing all manner of disease, and to whom now that Thou hast ascended on high all power is given both in heaven and earth; look graciously upon Thy servant, here lying in great weakness and suffering under Thy chastening hand. O let the design of Thy visitation be accomplished in the sanctification of my soul. And if it seem good unto Thee, O Lord, be pleased also to bless the ministry of Thy servant my physician, in the means which he may use for the health of my body. Direct his judgment in the treatment of the disease, give efficacy to the medicines which he may prescribe, and so dispose all the changing circumstances of my sickness, that I may perceive and feel the blessing and loving-kindness of the Lord, in the relief of my pain and the recovery of my health; that being restored to the society of the living and to the assemblies of the saints, I may praise Thee for Thy goodness among the faithful in the outer courts of the Lord, and hereafter in Thy heavenly Temple, for ever and ever. Amen.

UPON THE APPEARANCE OF RECOVERY.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom are the issues of life and death, who killest and makest

alive, who bringest down to the grave and bringest back again; receive the offering of Thy humble servant, who with a grateful heart return unto Thee my unfeigned thanks for the relief of my sufferings, and the abatement of my disease. I praise Thee for the happy consequences of Thy seasonable correction to me, in putting me in mind of my frailty and mortality, in weaning my affections from this vain and transitory world, and in exciting me to a more diligent preparation for that which is to come. Blessed be Thy name that Thou didst not cut me off immediately, without warning, in the midst of my sins, but that Thou hast now in appearance allowed me a longer space for reflection and repentance, and hast given me hopes of bringing my holy resolutions to good effect. May it seem good in Thy sight, O Lord, to perfect the recovery which Thou hast begun in me, and to grant me a longer continuance on earth, not for the gratification of my worldly inclinations and sensual desires, but that I may redeem the time which I have hitherto misspent, that I may pass the residue of my days in Thy love and fear, and more effectually advance Thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING AFTER RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise his holy name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thy sins, and healeth all thine infirmities.

Who saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

Who can express the noble acts of the Lord, or show forth all his praise?

For his arrows stuck fast in me, and his hand pressed me sore.

There was no health in my flesh because of his displeasure, neither was there any rest in my bones, by reason of my sin.

My soul abhorred all manner of meat, and I was even hard at death's door.

Then cried I unto the Lord, and gat me to my Lord right humbly.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age; as for thy years they endure throughout all generations.

For what profit is there in my blood when I go down to the pit?

Hear my prayer then, O Lord, and with Thine ears consider my calling; hold not Thy peace at my tears.

O spare me a little that I may recover my strength, before I go hence and be no more seen.

So when I cried unto the Lord in my trouble He delivered me out of my distress.

He sent his word and healed me, and I was saved from destruction.

O what great troubles and adversities hast Thou showed me, and yet didst Thou turn and quicken me, yea, and broughtest me from the deep of the earth again.

Therefore, will I praise Thee and Thy faithfulness, O God; I will offer unto my God thanksgiving, and pay my vows unto the Most High.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O most mighty God and merciful Father, wonderful in Thy doings, and gracious in Thy dispensations towards the children of men, I, Thy unworthy servant, prostrate myself before Thee, with all humility and thankfulness, acknowledging that it is of Thy goodness alone I am not consumed. Thou, Lord, hast chastened and corrected me, but Thou hast not given me over unto death. Blessed be Thy name, that while in Thy wisdom Thou didst see fit to afflict me, Thou didst not suffer me to perish in my sins. Blessed be Thy name, that in the midst of wrath Thou didst remember mercy; that Thou madest all my bed in my sickness; that Thou didst overlook my fretfulness, impatience, and infirmities, and incline Thine ear to my prayers; that Thou didst dispose me to thoughtfulness and repentance, and comfort me by Thy Spirit in my anguish and

distress. But, above all, I praise and magnify Thee for Thine unspeakable goodness in sparing me when I had deserved to be cut off, and in giving me an opportunity to fulfil those holy resolutions which Thy grace inspired in the time of my trouble. Lord, let the sense of Thy love never die away in my mind, nor my thoughts and affections be turned again unto vanity and sin. But let the remainder of my life be spent in the faithful discharge of all my duties, and the constant promotion of Thy honour and praise. Sanctify, I beseech Thee, all the events of Thy providence, to the salvation of my soul. Let not the abuse of Thy mercies ever rise up in Judgment against me, but grant that my past sufferings may increase my humility, confirm my faith, and fill me with resignation to Thy blessed will. Bring back to my remembrance the supplications poured out in the bitterness of my soul, and enable me to fulfil my promises and vows. Open Thou my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may declare Thy mercy and truth as long as I live, and that I may praise Thy name while I have my being. And forasmuch as this recovery is only lengthening out for a time the brief span of my life, suffer me not, I beseech Thee, to forget that I am a stranger upon the earth, but so help me to disengage my heart from things below, that my thoughts, my affections, and hopes, may be surely fixed on that place where true Joys are alone to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHEN THERE IS NO HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O God, whose days are without end and whose mercies cannot be numbered, now that I am hastening to the end of my life, give me steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus, and unfeigned repentance for all my sins, that my pardon may be sealed in heaven before I go hence and be no more seen. Let me come to my great change without guilt, and foresee its approaches without impatience or fear. May I always be ready with humble confidence in Thy mercy for the hour of my departure. May I be enabled to fight the good fight of faith with constancy, and to finish my course with joy. May I never sleep in carelessness and sin, nor lie down in misery and sorrow. And since I am now summoned to meet the Bridegroom, dress me, O Lord, in a wedding garment, that I may be fit to appear in Thy train. Give me oil in my lamp, that it may burn with perpetual brightness, and that when the door opens I may be ready to enter in with Thee at whatever hour Thou shalt come. Strip my soul of all earthly affections before it take its flight from my body, that it may be a meet companion for the spirits of just men made perfect in that blessed rest which Thou hast reserved for Thy chosen in paradise, and bring me finally to my perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul in the everlasting glory of Thy heavenly kingdom; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

AGAINST THE FEAR OF DEATH.

O MOST gracious and merciful Father, grant that I may be always ready to obey Thy summons, and be willing to depart and be with Christ, whenever Thou shalt see fit to call me hence. Forgive me all my sins which are the sting of death, and prepare me to meet it with firmness and composure, and enable me to regard it as a happy release from all the weaknesses and sorrows, the troubles and trials of this mortal life. Let not my spirit be broken with the apprehensions of dying under Thy heavy displeasure, but make me to rejoice in the sense of Thy pardoning mercy here, and the promise of Thy everlasting favour in the world to come. And give me an unwavering faith and a comfortable hope in the full and perfect sacrifice which was made on the cross for the atonement of sin, and grant that I may pass through the grave and gate of death to my joyful resurrection, for His merits who died and was buried and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANOTHER.

O HOLY and eternal God, who for the sin of man didst send death into the world, and by the resurrection of Thy blessed Son didst bring life to all believers; have mercy upon me whom Thou hast smitten with Thy rod and brought into the valley of tears and the shadow of death. O blessed Lord, let not this season, so fearful to nature, and so awful to the im-

penitent, have any terrors for me. Look upon me as a sinner whom Thou hast pardoned, and as a prodigal son whom Thou hast restored to Thy favour. Take from me the fear, and if it be Thy blessed will take from me also the sentence of death. Preserve my life and restore my health if it be best for me, for to Thy power I submit, on Thy goodness I depend, by Thy wisdom may I be governed, and by Thy love may I be directed in my choice. But if Thou hast otherwise decreed, O grant to Thy servant the comfort of a holy hope, the strength of an unconquerable faith, the constancy of an immovable patience, and the meekness of a perfect resignation, that I may be able to say with the apostle, "to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus' sake, my Advocate and Redeemer. Amen.

TO BE USED BY A DYING PERSON, FOR HIS RELATIONS AND FRIENDS.

Unto Thee, O God of mercy and truth, I commit all my relations and friends, and more especially my wife and children, to whom I am bound by the tenderest ties. O Thou who art the Father of the fatherless, and pleadest the cause of the widow, provide for them according to all their temptations and all their wants. Leave them not, neither forsake them, O God of my salvation. Be Thou to them when I am gone, whatsoever I would have been, and more than I could have been, had I been spared to them.

Enable them evermore to love Thee with all their heart, and soul, and strength, and to put their whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy; and keep them from all the pollutions and dangers of this miserable world, which call louder to Thee for Thy succour and protection than all their wants. Train them up in Thy fear, preserve them from all evil, and bring them at last to the joys and blessedness of the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER WHEN DEATH DRAWETH NEAR.

Polluted, O Lord, with sins, and devoid of all claims to Thy mercy, I, nevertheless, in the hour of my need most earnestly implore it. Cast not from Thy presence a miserable wretch, unworthy to approach it. Place me not on Thy left hand for the sentence of condemnation, whom Thou didst fashion with Thine own hands to minister to Thy glory; but for Thy mercies' sake blot out my sins, and give rest to my soul.

When Thou shalt come, O gracious Redeemer, in glorious Majesty to judge the world, may I meet Thee in the clouds without dismay. While others, who have been dead in trespasses and sins, unrepented of and unforgiven, stand with fear and trembling before Thy judgment seat, waiting for the sentence of Thy displeasure; enable me, O blessed Saviour, to lift up my head with joy.

I praise Thee, O Lord, that in the midst of my im-

perfections and faults Thou hast still inspired me with faith and hope; that Thou hast considered my low estate and had pity on my sorrows; that Thou hast not shut me up in the hands of my enemies, nor made my foes to rejoice over me. But now especially let Thy right hand protect me, and let Thy mercy come upon me; for my soul is in trouble and anguish in the immediate apprehension of its departure from the body. O look not upon the stains which defile it, but wash it from all pollution and let it be precious in Thy sight. Let the enemy have no advantage of me, nor the wicked approach to hurt me. Pardon all my sins and bury them in Thy grave, that they may never rise up in judgment against me, nor bring me to shame and confusion of face. And whenever Thou shalt call my soul from the prison of the body, grant that it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee, through Thy merits, O Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Ghost ever livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

EJACULATIONS IN THE LAST AGONY.

Lord, whom have I in heaven but Thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire in comparison of Thee.

And yet, in this awful hour fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and a horrible dread hath overwhelmed me.

Lift up the light of Thy countenance upon me, and grant that the bitterness of death may soon be past.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but O be Thou the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

Guide me by Thy counsel, defend me by Thy grace, and in Thy own good time receive me to glory.

I am Thine, O save me; I am bought with a price, O Jesus, even with Thy own most precious blood, and none is able to pluck me from Thy hand.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon me. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive my prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God, have mercy upon me.

O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver me not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of my heart; shut not Thy merciful ears to my prayers, but spare me, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer me not at my last hour for any pains of death to fall from Thee.

Thou knowest whereof we are made, and rememberest that we are but dust. Look graciously therefore upon my weakness, pity the interruptions and imperfections of my prayers, pardon what I cannot do with steadiness and zeal, and accept the sincerity and devotion of my heart.

Unto Thee do I commit my soul, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Redeemer. Spare it, O God, in the day when Thou shalt discern between him that serveth and trusteth in Thee, and him that despiseth Thy word.

In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord deliver me.

Help Thy servant whom Thou hast mercifully redeemed, and make me to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly.

THE ORDER

For the Visitation of the Sick.*

When any Person is sick, notice shall be given thereof to the Minister of the Parish; who coming into the sick Person's House, shall say,

PEACE be to this House, and to all that dwell in it.

When he cometh into the sick Man's presence, he shall say, kneeling down,

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare Thy people, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious blood; and be not angry with us for ever.

Ans. Spare us, good Lord.

Then the Minister shall say,

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

* From the Liturgy.

Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy Will be done on Earth, as it is in Heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Min. O Lord, save Thy servant;
Ans. Who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
Min. Send *him* help from Thy holy place;
Ans. And evermore mightily defend *him.*
Min. Let the enemy have no advantage of *him;*
Ans. Nor the wicked approach to hurt *him.*
Min. Be unto *him*, O Lord, a strong tower.
Ans. From the face of *his* enemy.
Min. O Lord, hear our prayer.
Ans. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Minister.

O Lord, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve this Thy servant. Look upon *him* with the eyes of Thy mercy; give *him* comfort and sure confidence in Thee; defend *him* from the danger of the enemy; and keep *him* in perpetual peace and safety, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear us, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour; extend Thy accustomed goodness to this Thy servant, who is grieved with sickness. Sanctify,

we beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to *him*, that the sense of *his* weakness may add strength to *his* faith, and seriousness to *his* repentance: That if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore *him* to *his* former health, *he* may lead the residue of *his* life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory: Or else give *him* grace so to take Thy visitation, that after this painful life ended, *he* may dwell with Thee in life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister exhort the sick Person after this form, or other like.

Dearly beloved, know this, that Almighty God is the Lord of life and death, and of all things to them pertaining; as youth, strength, health, age, weakness, and sickness. Wherefore, whatsoever your sickness be, know you certainly that it is God's visitation. And for what cause soever this sickness be sent unto you; whether it be to try your patience for the example of others, and that your faith may be found, in the day of the Lord, laudable, glorious, and honourable, to the increase of glory and endless felicity: or else it be sent unto you to correct and amend in you whatsoever doth offend the eyes of your heavenly Father, know you certainly, that if you truly repent you of your sins, and bear your sickness patiently, trusting in God's mercy, for his dear Son Jesus Christ's sake, and render unto him humble thanks for his Fatherly visitation, submitting yourself wholly unto his will, it shall turn to your

profit, and help you forward in the right way that leadeth unto everlasting life.

If the Person visited be very sick, then the Minister may end his Exhortation in this Place, or else proceed:

Take therefore in good part the chastisement of the Lord; for as Saint Paul saith, in the twelfth chapter to the Hebrews, Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh, which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: Shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of Spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. These words, good *brother*, are written in holy Scripture for our comfort and instruction; that we should patiently and with thanksgiving, bear our heavenly Father's correction, whensoever, by any manner of adversity, it shall please his gracious goodness to visit us. And there should be no greater comfort to Christian persons, than to be made like unto Christ, by suffering patiently adversities, troubles, and sicknesses. For he himself went not up to joy, but first he suffered pain: He entered not into his glory before he was crucified. So truly our way

to eternal joy, is to suffer here with Christ; and our door to enter into eternal life, is gladly to die with Christ; that we may rise again from death, and dwell with him in everlasting life. Now, therefore, taking your sickness, which is thus profitable for you, patiently, I exhort you in the name of God, to remember the profession which you made unto God in your baptism. And forasmuch as after this life there is an account to be given unto the righteous Judge, by whom all must be judged, without respect of persons; I require you to examine yourself, and your estate both toward God and man; so that, accusing and condemning yourself for your own faults, you may find mercy at our heavenly Father's hand for Christ's sake, and not be accused and condemned in that fearful judgment. Therefore I shall rehearse to you the Articles of our Faith; that you may know whether you do believe as a Christian *man* should, or no.

Here the Minister shall rehearse the Articles of the Faith, saying thus:

Dost thou believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son our Lord? And that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; that he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; that he went down into hell, and also did rise again the third day; that he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

and from thence shall come again at the end of the world, to judge the quick and the dead?

And dost thou believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Remission of sins; The Resurrection of the flesh; and everlasting life after death?

The sick Person shall answer,

All this I steadfastly believe.

Then shall the Minister examine, whether he repent him truly of his sins, and be in charity with all the world; exhorting him to forgive from the bottom of his heart. all persons that have offended him; and if he hath offended any other, to ask them forgiveness; and where he hath done injury or wrong to any man, that he make amends to the uttermost of his power. And if he hath not before disposed of his goods, let him then be admonished to make his Will, and to declare his debts, what he oweth, and what is owing unto him, for the better discharging of his conscience, and the quietness of his Executors. But men should often be put in remembrance to take order for the settling of their temporal estates whilst they are in health.

The Exhortation before rehearsed, may be said before the Minister begin his Prayer, as he shall see cause.

The Minister shall not omit earnestly to move such sick persons as are of ability, to be liberal to the poor.

And then the Minister shall say the Collect following.

Let us pray.

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more: open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity

of the Church; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for *him.* And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit; and when Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say this Psalm.

PSALM CXXX. *De Profundis.*

OUT of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice.

O let Thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss; O Lord, who may abide it?

For there is mercy with Thee; therefore, shalt Thou be feared.

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust.

My soul fleeth unto the Lord before the morning watch; I say, before the morning watch.

O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; and with him is plenteous redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins.

Adding this:

O SAVIOUR of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us; save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

Then shall the Minister say,

THE Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in Him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be now and evermore thy defence; and make thee know and feel, that there is none other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, thou mayest receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here the Minister may use any part of the service of this Book, which, in his discretion, he shall think convenient to the occasion; and after that shall say,

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection we commit thee: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace both now and evermore. Amen.

Prayers which may be said with the foregoing service, or any part thereof, at the discretion of the Minister.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful Father, to whom alone belong the issues of life and death; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon this child, now lying upon the bed of sickness: Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation:

deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake; that if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of those who sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity: Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON, WHEN THERE APPEARETH BUT SMALL HOPE OF RECOVERY.

O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need; We fly unto Thee for succour in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under Thy hand in great weakness of body: Look graciously upon *him*, O Lord, and the more the outward man decayeth, strengthen *him*, we beseech Thee, so much the more continually with Thy grace and Holy Spirit, in the inner man; Give *him* unfeigned repentance for all the errors of *his* life past, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus, that *his* sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in heaven, before *he* go hence, and be no more seen. We know, O Lord, that there is no word impossible

with Thee; and that, if Thou wilt, Thou canst even yet raise *him* up, and grant *him* a longer continuance amongst us: Yet, forasmuch as in all appearance the time of *his* dissolution draweth near, so fit and prepare *him*, we beseech Thee, against the hour of death, that after *his* departure hence in peace, and in Thy favour, *his* soul may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom; through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

A COMMENDATORY PRAYER FOR A SICK PERSON AT THE POINT OF DEPARTURE.

O ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight: Wash it, we pray Thee, in the blood of that immaculate Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days,

that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord Amen.

A PRAYER FOR PERSONS TROUBLED IN MIND OR IN CONSCIENCE.

O BLESSED Lord, the Father of mercies and the God of all comforts, we beseech Thee, look down in pity and compassion upon this Thy afflicted servant. Thou writest bitter things against *him*, and makest *him* to possess *his* former iniquities: Thy wrath lieth hard upon *him*, and *his* soul is full of trouble: But, O merciful God, who hast written Thy holy word for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of Thy holy Scriptures, might have hope; give *him* a right understanding of *himself*, and of Thy threats and promises; that *he* may neither cast away *his* confidence in Thee, nor place it anywhere but in Thee. Give *him* strength against all *his* temptations, and heal all *his* distempers: Break not the bruised reed, nor quench the smoking flax: shut not up Thy tender mercies in displeasure; but make *him* to hear of joy and gladness, that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice: Deliver *him* from fear of the enemy, and lift up the light of Thy countenance upon *him;* and give *him* peace, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER WHICH MAY BE SAID BY THE MINISTER, IN BEHALF OF ALL PRESENT AT THE VISITATION.

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered; make us, we beseech Thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of human life: and let Thy Holy Spirit lead us through this vale of misery, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our lives: That, when we shall have served Thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith: in the comfort of a reasonable, religious and holy hope; in favour with Thee our God, and in perfect charity with the world: All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER WHICH MAY BE SAID IN CASE OF SUDDEN SURPRISE AND IMMEDIATE DANGER.

O most gracious Father, we fly unto Thee for mercy in behalf of this Thy servant, here lying under the sudden visitation of Thine hand. If it be Thy will, preserve *his* life, that there may be place for repentance: But if Thou hast otherwise appointed, let Thy mercy supply to *him* the want of the usual opportunity for the trimming of *his* lamp. Stir up in *him* such sorrow for sin, and such fervent love to Thee, as may in a short time do the work of many

days: That among the praises which Thy saints and holy angels shall sing to the honour of Thy mercy through eternal ages, it may be to Thy unspeakable glory, that Thou hast redeemed the soul of this Thy servant from eternal death, and made *him* partaker of the everlasting life, which is through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A THANKSGIVING FOR THE BEGINNING OF A RECOVERY.

Great and mighty God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; we bless Thy wonderful goodness, for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring this our *brother* to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy name, that Thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above; didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at last didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him;* and prosper the means which shall be made use of for *his* cure: That being restored to health of body, vigor of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thine house, to offer Thee an oblation with great gladness; and to bless Thy holy name for all Thy goodness towards *him*, through Jesus Christ our Saviour: To whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

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